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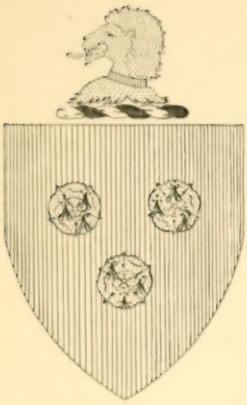

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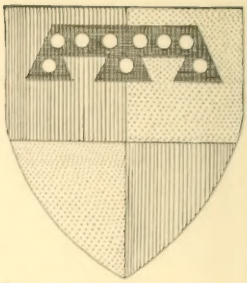

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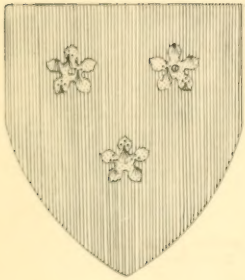

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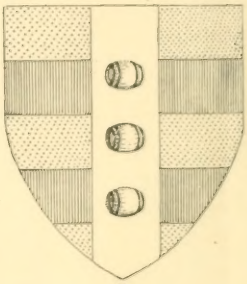

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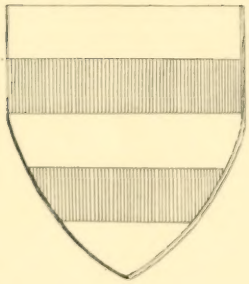

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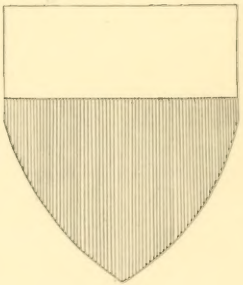

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By the Name of Kent.

For description see Introduction.

GENEALOGIES

OF THE

DIFFERENT FAMILIES BEARING THE NAME OF

KENT

IN THE UNITED STATES

TOGETHER WITH

THEIR POSSIBLE ENGLISH ANCESTRY

A.D. 1295–1898

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INTRODUCTION.

MANY years ago I began the accumulation of material for the purpose of eventually compiling a genealogy of my ancestors by the name of Kent. In my work among the court, town, county, church, and military records, I copied every item containing the name of Kent. In proving that certain of these records or documents related to my own family, I had to locate each one, and in so doing weave chain after chain which I have since by voluminous correspondence and contributions from interested descendants followed down in many families.

I have inserted at the beginning of this book the Kent arms, but have not attempted to identify them as belonging to any particular branch. I give below the descriptions, and will leave the identifications to those who wish to study them out from the data given here or elsewhere:

ARMS AND CRESTS OF THE KENT FAMILY.

I. Kent-Egleton (Baronet, extinct, 1848), County Suffolk, England; Arms: gules, three roses erminois; Crest: a lion's head, erased or, collared gules. Authority, Burke.

II. Kent of Thatcham, County Berks; also, Gloucester, Lincoln, Warwick, Wilts, and York; Arms: azure, a lion passant guardant or; Crest: a lion's head erased erminois, collared, lined, and ringed azure (granted by Richard St. George). Authority, Burke (see X. below).

III. Kent (no county given); Arms: quarterly gules and or, on a label of three points, sable nine bezants. Authority, Burke.

IV. Kent, Counties Suffolk and Wilts; Arms: gules, three cinque-foils, pierced erminois (registered at Ulster office). Authority, Burke.

V. Bartholomew Kent, Esq. (Ulster's office, 1821); Arms: sable, three lions passant, guardant, two and one argent. Authority, Burke.

VI. Kent (no county given); Arms: per fesse, or and sable, a pale and three water borjets countercharged. Authority, Burke. [*Note.*—The three water borjets in plate are not correct, but should be expressed by a symbol resembling the capital letter M crossed by a horizontal bar.]

VII. Kent (no county given); Arms: argent, a fesse gules (a variation of this is gules, a fesse argent). Authority, Berry's Encyclopedia of Heraldry.

VIII. Kent (no county given); Arms: gules, a chief argent. Authority, Burke.

IX. Kent, Ireland; Crest: a bridge of three arches proper. Authority, Fairbairn's Crests.

X. George Charles Kent, Esq., of Parkhouse, County Suffolk; Crest: a lion's head erased or, collared and armed sable. Authorities, Burke and Fairbairn Crests.

XI. Kent (no county given); Crest: a wolf's head couped. Authority, Fairbairn's Crests.

XII. Kent, County Northampton; Crest: a talbot's head couped; gules, charged on the neck with a cinque-foil erminois. Authority, Fairbairn's Crests.

I have published all of my accumulated material, that others may have the benefit of my work in directions other than that of my own family. I have assorted and arranged what I could in continued lines and branches. Some mistakes are found in records, many contributions have contained flagrant errors, printers sometimes make mistakes, and I have probably not been free from criticism in that direction. All I can say to those who find errors is to first prove yourself right, then to correct in your own and your families' copies. I hope many by the

KENT FAMILY.

CHAPTER I.

THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHN KENT, OF DEDHAM AND CHARLESTOWN, MASS., AND TRACES OF HIS POSSIBLE ENGLISH ANCESTRY. A.D. 1295 TO A.D. 1897.

In the year **1295** Kents were residents of Sherbeck, Eng., and in that year, together with other families, they joined in a deed conveying three acres of land in a part of that parish, called Stampedeyl, to John Birning, of St. Botolph, and Alicia his wife.

In the *Registers of Ecclesfield Parish Church* we find that at Birley on Mch. 10, **1389**, John Quenson surrenders one messuage, three acres, to Robert Kent. That on July 14, **1409**, John Hartley and Harry Horner surrendered messuage and lands to Richard Kent. In **1431-7** Robert Kent surrenders land to John Shagh, of Southey. In **1448** JOHN, son of *Robt. Kent, jr.*, claims to hold messuage land and wood in Woodseats which were conceded to sd Robt. Kent, and joana, wife of sd Robt., claims ⅓ of messuage and above land and wood. In **1449** JOHN KENT, son and heir of *Robt.*, seeks adm. to messuage and 13 acres in Birley. In **1535** *Robt. Kent* surrenders one croft called Jenfield to John Hurton, & one on Shirecliffe Hill in Birley to John Oxspring. In the poll tax 2 Rich^d II. appear. Cecilia *Kent* iiijd. Robertus filius ejus iiijd. Agnes filia ejus iiijd. Burials, **1567**, mense Septembris *Catherin Kent*, sepult. xxvj' die. **1574** Mense Octobris, *Joan Kent*, sepult ijdo die. **1558** mense Augusti, *Edward Kent*, sepult xvj to die. Mense Septembris *Robt. Kent* sepult xij' die.

In a list of Gentry returned by the Commissioners of the County Cambridge, A.D. 1433, is
JOHN KENT, Papworth — Agnes.

In a list of Bailiffs and Mayors of Yarmouth, County Norfolk, **1529**, is JOHN KENT.

In the Registers of St. Mary's, Reading, Berkshire, are Maud Kent, bapt. Dec. 24, 1538. JOHN KENT, bapt. Nov. 5, **1539**. Alice Kent, bapt. Dec. 25, 1541.

Reading — St. Lawrence's Church. On a marble gravestone in the chancel is this inscription: "Hic jacet *Johannes Kent*, quondam Burgenfit de Reding, et Johanna Uxor ejus. Quorum animabus proj icietur Deus — Amen."

In English thus: "Here lieth JOHN KENT, formerly Burgess of Reading, and Johanna his Wife, upon whose Souls God have Mercy, Amen."

VISITATION OF BERKSHIRE, **1566**.

Hildesley, of Benham and Brimpton. William Hydesley, of Benan, Co. Berks, had issue Alyce, mar. to JOHN KENT, of Sylchester, Co. South'ton, yeoman.

The following is an abstract from Somersetshire Wills: Gilbert Cogan of Bristol Merchant. Will dated Apr. 14, 1543; proved Nov. 29, **1543**, by Margaret, the Relict [28 spert]. To be buried at S^t. John the Evangelist. My sons-in-law Robert Newbone & *Mathew Kent*. My children, Ann, Paul, John & Margaret. My wife Margaret Exix. My brothers JOHN KENT & Robert Newbone. Overseer, John Keene, esq., to whom my great Signet ring — John Keñ witness.

From Parish Church Register, Halifax, Yorkshire, I glean that in **1545** were mar. Apl. 12, Richard Mylner to Agnes, relict of JOHN KENT. Apl. 20, *Henry Kent* to Marg^t relict of Rich. Haldworth.

In Rotherham, Eng., were mar. Feby. 6, **1559**, JOHN KENT to Johan Dweke.

VISITATION OF BEDFORDSHIRE, **1566**.

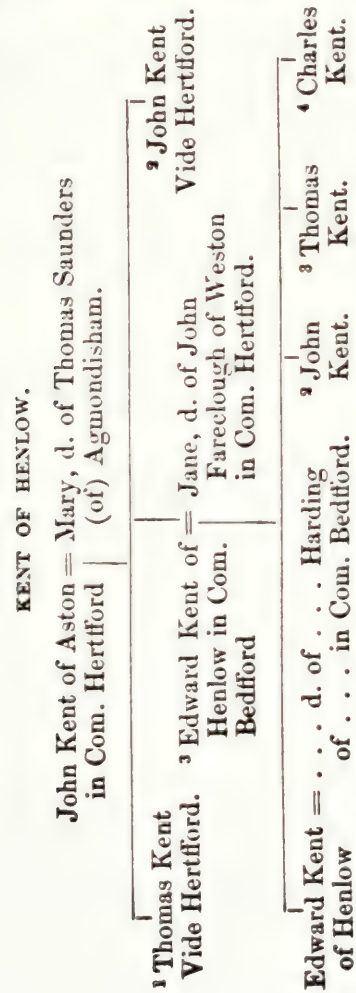
Rolte of Milton Ernest.

= Thomas Rolte of Bolnshurst in Com. Bedfford = . . . da. of . . . *Kent* of Aston, Co. Hertf. 2 Wiffe.

Rolt of Pertenhall.

Edward Rolte of Pertenhall in Com. Bedfford, Counsellor at law, Justice of Peace and Recorder of the towne of Bedfford, eldest s. of Tho Rolt of Bolnshurst by the d. of *Kent* of Aston.

It is curious that Pope, who had great taste in landscape gardening, sprang from the neighboring valley of Worsborough, and that Kent, the artist, who did much to improve the public taste in gardening, was a native of Rotherham.



Ireland, in his "History of Kent County," says that "Kent's Chantry, now called the Chantry Farm, acquired the former of those names from a chantry having been founded there by one JOHN KENT, in the reign of Edward IV., who endowed it with a handsome income to support the officiating priest. It was suppressed in the reign of Henry VIII., and the site granted to Thomas, Lord Cromwell, who soon exchanged it with the king for other purposes."

Kew House, at Kew, was improved and ornamented by *Kent*, for the Princess Dowager.

At Devonshire, Thos. Noble, of Exeter, mar. a dau. of JOHN KENT, and had issue.

In the Poll book for the election of one Knight, county of Southampton, are JOHN KENT, Minsted, Edw. Kent, Eling, JOHN KENT, Gofport, and JOHN KENT of Winchester, Isle of Wight.

The following are from the Registers of the Church of St. Botolph, and are important in that the dates coincide with the age of **JOHN KENT**, OF DEDHAM:

John Kente, son of John, christened Dec. 13, 1601, was buried Apl. 5, 1602. On Apl. 10, 1603, Mary, and on Oct. 5, 1606, Rachell, dau's John Kent, were christened.

JAN'Y 6, 1608, JOHN, SON OF JOHN KENTE, WAS CHRISTENED.

Nov. 8, 1668, Elizabeth, dau. Benj. and Ann Kent, was bapt.; also, May 5, 1672, John, son of John and Mary Kent; also, Jan'y 2, 1669, Hannah, dau. Henry and Susannah Kent.

From "Houghton-Conquest" (Bedfordshire): "Beatrice Clark, of Houghton-Conquest, Widow, will dated 26 Feb. 1606: to be buried in par. ch. of H.-C.; to Dorothy, daughter of my son Francis C., £40; George C., £45; goddau. Beatrice Kent, £100; to *Mary* another daughter of my son Kent, £10; JOHN, SON OF MY SON KENT, £5. . . . . ."

From records in Henlow (Bedfordshire): "*Edward Kent,*

m. Elizabeth, d. of (? Nicholas) Harding, of Northill, spr. abt. 30. Her parents dead, m. l., dated 20 Nov., 1624, to be m. at St. Matthew's, Friday St., London; also in Henlow: 1628, Dec. 12, KENT, JOHN, bur. 1630, Jun 24, Kent, Edward S. of Edward, Junr. bapt. 1631, Jul 22, Kent, Edward S. of Mr. Edward, bur."

The following may have been the ancestor John: "Secundo die Septembris, **1635.** Their under written names are to be transported to St. Christophers, embarqued in the '*William and John*,' Rowland Langram, Mr. have been examined by the Minister of Gravesend, and tooke the Oaths of Alleg. and Suprem. die et Ao p'." Jo: KENT — **23.**

In an old will of Samuel Purchas, rector of St. Martin's, near Ludgate, Eng., dated May 31, 1625, proved Oct. 21, 1626, he leaves to his son Samuel a portion of land "lately bought of my brother William Purchas, and by him purchased of one KENT, als Reynolds," etc.

VISITATIONS OF COUNTY OF DEVON.

Noble of Bishops Tawton.

Thomas Noble of Exeter = Joan, da. of *John Kent.*

John Noble of Belson in Devon.	Joane, wife to — Mongwell, of Liskerd in Cornwall.

KENT OF ASTON.

John Kent =

Thomas Kent of Aston, Co. Herts.

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John Kent of Aston = Mary da. of Thomas Saunders of Agmondesham, Co. Bucks.

[1] Thomas Kent of Aston = Marcy, da. of Thomas Clark.

John Kent.

[2] *John Kent* of Bannington, Co. Herts = . . . da. of Allen of Astrey, Co. Herts.

[1] Thomas Kent. [2] *John Kent.* [3] Edward Kent.

[3] Edward Kent of Henlow, Co. Bedf. vide Bedford.

VISITATION OF WILTSHIRE, 1623.

- Randall Kent of Penhall in Com. Chest. =
  - [1] Randall
  - [2] Robt.
  - Roger Kent of Copenhall fil 3 = Petronilla, da. of . . . Hawkins.
    - John Kent of the Devizes in Com. Wilts, Sup'stes 1623 = Mary, da. of Tho Wiat of Calne.
      - John, 1 Son, mar. Anne, da. of Jeromis Potticarie of Stockdon in Com. Wilts =
        - John 1 Son Aet 12, 1623.
      - Thomas Kent 2 sonne = Catherine da. of Tho. Read of Bradford in Co. Wilts.
        - John sonne & hey aet 7 1623.
        - [2] Peter
        - [3] Samū.
        - Catherine filia.
      - Samuell 3 sonne aet 3 (sic).
      - Mary ux Joh Stevens of ye Devices. =
        - [1] John.
        - [2] Phillipp.
        - [3] Robt.
        - [1] Mary.
        - [2] Sara.
        - [3] Anne.
        - [4] Alice.
  - John 4 Son.

Joh Kent

Devises.

. . . . . and at the present visitac'on on ye 4 daye of Octob^r 1623 was John Allen, Maior Robt. Drew Esq. and *John Kent*, towne clarke, all 3 Justices of the peace with^in the said Borough [towne & Burough of the Devises in the countye of Wilts.] . . . . . .

VISITATION OF LONDON, 1633–4.

Faringdon W^th^in.

John Kent of Cheshire = his wife the daughter of Marbury of the Mere Co. Chester.

Henry Kent of London, Haberdasher = Francis, dau'r of Thomas Man of London.

- Robert Kent of London Haberdasher a° 1634 eldest son = Anne daughter of William Aldersey of Aldersey Com. Chester.
  - Anne.
  - Elizabeth.
- [2] Henry Kent M^r^ of Artes & ffellow of Kings Colledge in Cambridge.
- [3] *John Kent* now in Venice a merchant a° 1634.
- [1] Joane wife to Stephen Gromsditch of Chester.
- [4] Jonas.
- [2] Frances.

From the Records of Cheshire, Wirral hundred, Tranmere:

By Inq 20. Jac. I. Henry Kent, gent. died seized of 1 messuage, 5 cottages, 50 acres of land, 20 of meadow, and 40 of pasture in [Tranmole als] Tranmore, late the inheritance of William Hulme gent. held of the manor of Halton by the services of the ninth part of a Knight's fee and suit of Court to Halton, and paying 2 l. per annum to Thomas Powell esq. of Birkenhead priory: [also held lands in Reedheath, Stublach, and Lach Dennis, in the parishes of Middlewich and Davenham; also in Warton als Way'ton in said parishes, lately purchased of Richard Egerton, Knt; also a messuage burgage, or tenement, commonly called "Le Swanne" and lands in Congleton, lately purchased of Bartholomew Stubbs, gen.

By Inq per B de melius &c 11 Car I. it was found that the said Henry died 5 Jan 20 Jac I. Robert Kent, son and heir, aged 17 on his father's death.

Inq p. m. 14 Car I. *Robert Kent*, of the City of London, haberdasher, seized of the lands aforesaid, by an Indenture of 6 Car. I., in consideration of a marriage previously Solemnized between him and Anna Kent, then his wife, natural Sister of John Aldersey of the City of Chester, gen., granted the same lands to Sir Philip Oldfeild of Somerford, Knt. Edward Whitby of Chester, esq. said John Aldersey and Charles Wally of Chester, Alderman, upon certain trusts. Ob 18 May 1637. *John Kent*, son and heir, aged one year, 11. months and 19 days].

This family of Kent of Tranmore terminated in an heiress, Elizabeth, married about the time of Charles II. to Edward Glegg of Grange, Esq.

West Kirkby Church, Cheshire.

In a small chapel which was anciently the termination of the north aisle, is a monument "to the memory of Edward Glegg, of Grange Esq. who married Elizabeth daughter and heiress of *John Kent* of Tranmore gent. and died the 4th August 1714 leaving issue William, Edward, John, Abigail and Silence."

THE REGISTERS OF CHRISTENINGS, MARRIAGES, AND BURIALS OF THE PARISH OF ALLHOLLOWS, LONDON WALL, 1559 TO 1675.

p. 316. Marriages, 1649. *Isac Kent* and Francys Gray, 13 (June.)

p. 46. 1675. mar. 25. William Holmes, of St. Mar-

L. Vernon Briggs

garets', Westminster, widower, and *Susanna Kent*, of same, Spinster.

Carter, in his "History of Cambridge, Eng.," says:

Chippenham Reformation, 1643, Mch. 23.

p. 205. Haddenham, Freeholder, John Kent (Somersham).

p. 270. Soham, Freeholder, John Kent.

p. 319. Wisbech, Freeholder, John Kent.

Parish of Felkirk, Doncaster, the Church Records: "There is a memorial in the church of *Mrs. Mary Kent*, who died 16 May, 1683, placed there by her nephew, Sir Ralph Radclife; married, first, to Mr. James Birkhead, and 2dly Mr. Benjamin Kent."

JOHN KENT,[1] born in England, came to Dedham, Mass., in 1645. His brother Joshua was in Dedham in 1643, but was sent to England in 1644 with a testimonial from the church; and when he returned, in 1645, he brought two brothers, the above John and Joseph, who settled in Bristol county.

John was received into the church in Dedham May 16, 1652. He was a freeman in 1654, and appears as a witness to the will of John Lanson, of Dedham, dated Dec. 15, 1660. On March 21, 1662, he mar. Hannah Grizold, Grizwold, or Grissell, as it is variously recorded; she d. in Charlestown, Mass., Jan. 9, 1690–1. On April 13, 1673, John and his wife Hannah were admitted into the church at Charlestown by dismissal from Dedham, from which place they moved to Charlestown. In 1678 and 1679 he was chosen as one of the "Tythingmen," and under Andros was taxed in 1688 for 1 head live stock and 7 acres land. He had children:

I. Hannah, b. July 2, 1667; mar. Joseph Cahoon or Cohoon.

II. John,[2] b. 1668; removed to Scituate abt. 1698; Marshfield abt. 1708.

III. Mary or Marie, b. Feb. 3, 1669–70; probably d. young.

IV. Joshua, b. June 15; d. 20, 1672.

V. Joshua,[2] b. July 4, 1674 (Charlestown Archives); bapt. May 6, 1673 (Records 1st Church, Charlestown); moved to Boston.

VI. JOSEPH,[2] b. Oct. 15; bapt. 17, 1675.

VII. SAMUEL, b. March 23, 1678; d. of small-pox March 16, 1702–3, aged 25. His estate was administered by his bro. Joseph, May 8, 1704; and being unmarried, his father, John, was declared sole heir. Inventory July 14 — £14 acct. Dec. 4, 1704.

VIII. EBENEZER,[2] b. Aug. 18; bapt. 22, 1680; removed to Hingham abt. 1700.

IX. LIDIA, b. July 16; bapt. 22, 1683.

mar. 1714 Ebenezer, son of Aaron Simmons, of Scituate, and had 8 chil.: **1.** Abigail, b. 1715. **2.** Joshua, b. 1717. **3.** Lydia, b. 1719; also **4** Elizabeth. **5.** Samuel. **6.** Reuben. **7.** Peleg. **8.** Ebenezer. Their eldest child, Abigail, mar. Apr. 18, 1738, Samuel Gardner, a farmer, of Hingham, b. Nov. 17, 1713; d. Nov. 5, 1774, and they had 6 children b. in Hingham: Jesse, b. Jan. 24, 1738–39; d. May 30, 1745. Peleg, b. Aug. 12, 1740. Samuel, b. Sept. 18, 1744; d. May 27, 1745. Samuel, b. Aug. 5, 1745. Abigail, b. Aug. 5, 1748; d. unmarried, Jan. 13, 1830, aged 81. Jesse, b. Oct. 18, 1754; d. Nov. 20, 1806.

X. MARY, b. May 12, 1686.

mar., 1710, Joseph Barber (Barver), of Hingham, and had 2 chil. b. there: Joseph, b. Oct. 22, 1711, and Lydia, b. Feb. 17, 1713–14.

XI. SUSANNA, b. Aug. 13; bapt. 18, 1689.

ESTATE JOHN KENT,[1] IN CHARLESTOWN.

Estate — Grant 1 common, 1681; 1 acre before his house, 1681. Grant 9¼ acres 20 poles — NW. range, NE, T. Monsal; SE, T. Danforth; SW, T. Deane, 1685. Grant ¾ acre back side of his lot on a pole, highway 1685. Buys of W. Bullard's heirs 1695, recorded 1703. To Son *John, Jr.*, of *Scituate*, house &c. and 2 acres, E, highway; W, T. Crosswell; N, Joseph Whittemore; S, J. K., Jr., 2 acres — S, highway; N, Jonathan Pierce, J. W.; W, W. Rand; E, J. P., 10 acres — N, road; E, highway, L., Hicks, small river; W, creek, Joseph Kent 8 acres, Westfield, E, highway; S & W, T. C.; N, J. K., 1707.

JOHN,[2] son of John,[1] was mar., Dec. 22, 1692, by William Bond, Esq., Justice of the Peace, to Sarah Smith, of Charlestown, where they lived until 1698, when they moved to Scituate. Here Mr. Kent built ships until his removal, in 1709, to Marshfield. At Marshfield he is described in 1709 as a Yeoman, in a deed of property which he purchased to occupy.

Charles Little of Marshfield, Joyner, in consideration of £542, paid by *John Kent, of Marshfield, yeoman*, conveyed all my housing & lands in Marshfield, that is to say all my farm which my hon^d father Isaac Little, Esq., late of Marsfield, dec^d purchased of Ralph Powell of Marshfield & of Martha, his wife, by deed dated April 6, 1687. Dated, Dec. 8, 1709.

In 1709–10 John Kent was chosen on a commission to divide the Common and undivided lands of Marshfield.

Marshfield, February, 1709, Memorandum:

"That we whose names are hereunto subscribed Proprietors in the Common and undivided lands in the Township of Marshfield, do hereby, each of us for himself, freely give and grant unto Mr. James Gardner and his heirs for ever a quantity of the Common and undivided lands in the s^d Township, to be computed according to the respective sums herein following, set down against our names, and to be deducted out of the respective sums, which were rated to the last Province tax, for our real estate." Among the list of names occurs that of *John Kent*—

"Whereas at a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Common lands of this Town on the 3^d day of April 1710 last past, said Proprietors made choice of us, the subscribers to order how the Rate that the Common lands were to be divided by, should be brought to Record viz. by taking of from Tenants or persons rated for any Real Estate other than their own, and place what is so taken of to the Landlord or owner thereof, in pursuance whereof we have this 9 day of Jany 1710 ordered and determined sd removals as followeth," etc.

"So that the rate which shall be for the proportioning of each Proprietors share in the Common lands in the Township of Marshfield is ordered as followeth," etc. In the list of names given is that of

	lb.	ss.	d.
John Kent.	1	6	0

"At a Meeting of the Proprietors in Marshfield Octo. 9th 1710 The Proprietors underwritten drew the several lots affixt to their names Among the names is that of *John Kent* . . . Division 29–58

"Whereas at a Meeting of the Proprietors of the Common and undivided lands in the Township of Marshfield on the 3 day of April last past s^d Proprietors made choice of us to make even pounds of the whole rate, in pursuance whereof we have this 9 day of January 1710, ordered and rated s^d Proprietors as followeth," &c.

	money	Lotts.
John Kent	£1-00-0	23 : 25
Joseph Child	0-07-7	
Winter Hewett	0-05-3	
John Kent	0-05-0	
Isaac Little	0-01-8	2 : 99
Thom^s Tilden	0-00-6	
	£1-00-0	

In 1709–11 he was designated as husbandman, and by the division of public lands in Scituate he received a portion.

John Kent of Scituate, husbandman, in consideration of £3 paid by Joseph Neale, of Scituate, husbandman, conveyed 10 acres of land in Scituate, which was granted to s'd John Kent, Esq., by the Town of Scituate at their meeting held March, 1706 & 7. Dated, April 3, A.D. 1708 & 9.

John Kent, of Marshfield, in consideration of £100 paid by Joseph Taylor of Marshfield, conveyed 10 acres meadow land in Scituate, bounded by land of Nathl Winslow, & others. Dated, Dec. 25, 1717.

In 1710–11 he bought and sold land in Marshfield.

John Kent, of Marshfield, in consideration of £20 paid by Joseph Rose, Jr. of Marshfield conveyed 2 lots of land in Marshfield, containing about 26 acres. Dated, March 2, 1710.

John Kent of Marshfield, Husbandman, in consideration of £5 paid by

Joseph Chiles, of Marshfield, Mason, conveyed all my common land & allotment in Marshfield. Dated, Dec. 10, A.D. 1711.

In 1716 he is called John Kent, Gentleman.

Indenture made Feb'y 13, A.D. 1716, Between *John Kent of Marshfield, Gentleman*, & Commis^rs in consideration of £105 paid by said Commis^rs conveyed 25 acres of upland in Marshfield bounded by meadow of Joseph Taylor & others.

Indenture made Feb'y 13, A.D. 1716, Between *John Kent of Marshfield, Gentleman*, and Commissioners, in consideration of £150 paid by Commiss^rs John Kent conveyed his portion of farm on which he lived, bounded by meadow of Capt. Winslow & others.

In 1724–5 he was sent as Representative to the General Court of Massachusetts from Marshfield.

In 1725–6 he was one of the Selectmen of Marshfield. He died in 1753, and his will, made in 1750, together with the papers connected with the settlement of his estate, are here given.

In the name of God, Amen, the first day of May A.D. 1750. I *John Kent of Marshfield*, in the County of Plimouth in New England, yeoman, being aged and Infirm but of sound mind do make this my Last Will and Testament, Recommending my sole to God and my Body to the Earth, I give my worly Estate as Follows —

I give to my *Gran Daughter Sarah Thacher* the *Daughter of my son John*, Deceased, twenty one pounds, six shillings and eight pence to be paid by my Exec^r. within one year after my decease in full of her Portion out of my Estate.

I give to my *Grandaughter Desire Kent* four pounds to be paid by Exec^rs. when she shall arrive to the age of Eighteen years, said Legasie of twenty one pounds six shillings and eight pence to s^d Sarah & said Legasie of four pounds to s^d Desire are to be paid in Lawfull silver money —

I Give and Bequeath unto my *nine Children, Ebenezer, Saml Ezekiel Elisha Joseph Hannah Sarah Mercy and Abigal* and their heirs and assigns forever nine tenth parts of all my Estate real & Personal, that is to say to Each of them one thenth part thereof, and to my *seven Grand children the children of my son Benj^a dec^d* and to their heirs and assigns forever the other tenth part of my said Estate real and personal, onely my mind is that my Just debts and Legasies be first paid out of my said Estate before anny Division be had, and also ten shillings in silver money which I give to said *Sarah Thachers, Eldest child Elizabeth* —

My mind and Will is that *my Son Samuel* Should pay to my Exec^r. within twelve months after my decease out of his said Portion thirteen pounds six shillings and Eight pence Lawfull Silver money I Haveing advanced so much for him heretofore which said money shall be in part to pay said Debts and Legasies.

Item My mind and will Notwithstanding what is above is that any one of my said sons shall have the Libertie of Holding all my real Estate and haveing the Use of the same provided he pays within six months after my dec^d. to Each of my said other children, their Proportions aforesaid of the same, in money, as the same shall be apprised in the Inventory of my Estate, my *Edest son Ebenezer* to take it upon these Conditions if he thinks fit and if he refuses then my next Edest son to have the preferance and so my said sons successively according to their age.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my Sons Ebenezer Ezek^l and Elisha

to be Execrs of this my will. In Witness whereof I the sd John Kent have hereto set my hand and seal the day and Year first before Written.

Signed, Sealed, Publish'd and Declared by s'd John Kent to be his last Will & Testamt. — John Kent (seal)

In Presents of
Thomas Waterman
John Bourn jur.
the marke of
Lydia + Winslow

Plimouth sc. June 2d 1753. This will being Presented by the Execrs. for Probate the said Thomas Waterman and John Bourn jur. made oath that they saw said John Kent sign & seal and heard him Declare this Instrumt. to be his Last will and Testamt and yt they at the same time in his presents with Lydia Winslow subscribed as Witnesses and that he was then of sound mind

Before me John Cushing Judge of Probt.

Province of the Massachusetts Bay Plimouth Sc. By the Honble John Cushing Esqr. Judge of the probt. of Wills and for Granting Letters of Admn. on the Estates of persons decd. haveing Goods Chattles rights or Credits in the County of Plimouth within the province aforesaid.

To all unto whome these presents shall come Greeting — Know ye that upon the day of the date hereof before me at Plimt. in the County aforesaid the will of John Kent late of Marshfield in the County of Plimouth in New England Yeoman decd. to these presents annexed was proved approved and allowed who haveing while he Lived and at the time of his death Goods Chattels Rights or Credits in the County and the Probate of the said Will and power of Committing admn. of all and singular the Goods Chattels rights and Credits of the said decd. by Vertue thereof appertaining unto me, the Admr. of all and singular the Goods Chattels rights and Credits of the said decd. and his Will in any manner Concerning is hereby Committed unto the said decd. *three Sons*, Vizt. *Ebenezer Kent Ezekiel Kent and Elisha Kent of said Marshfield* Executors in the same will named well and Faithfull to Execute the said Will and to Admr. the Estate of the said decd. according thereunto and to make a true and Perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods Chattels rights and Creditts of the said decd. and to Exhibite the same into the Registry of the Court of Probate for the County aforesaid at or before the third day of Septr. next Ensuing and also to render a plain an true account of your said Admn. upon oath within twelve months next Coming. In Testimoney Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the said Court of Probate dated at Plimouth the third day of June Annoque Domini 1753. John Cushing

" A true Inventory of the Estate Real and Personal of *John Kent of Marshfield* in the County of Plimouth Take May the 31st 1753.

To apparel	£61. 0.0
Item *To a negro man named " Sambo"*	*35.* 0.0
Item To Live Stock	596.10.0
Item To Indian Corn Rey and Wheat	71.14.0
Item To Meal	20. 0.0
Item To Husbandry Tools	79.10.0
Item To Horse Tackling	24. 0.0
Item To Leather and Skins	7. 8.0
Item To Books	5. 0.0
Item To Household Stuff	500. 3.0
Item To Boards and Shingles	31. 0.0
Reduced to Lawfull Money is	£190.16.8
Item the Real Estate the Homstead, Lawfull Money	993. 6.8
Item Wood Lotts Lawfull Money	73. 6.8
	£1257.10.0

Plimouth Sc. June 4th 1753, *Elisha Kent*, John Little, one of Execrs. to the

dec^{ds} will made oath y^{t}., Thomas Waterman, this Inventory contains all the s^{d}. dec^{d}. Estate Abijah White, so far as he know and y^{t}. when he shall know of more hel Give it in the s^{d}. apprizers Being also under oath.

Before me, John Coushing, Judge of prob^{t}."

"Plimouth Sc

To Messrs. John Little Esqr. Abijah White, Thomas Waterman and Thomas Foord, Jun'r. all of Marshfield and John Wadsworth of Duxboro' all in the County of Plim^{o} Yeomen Greeting.

You are Hereby Impowred and Directed to Divide the real estate which John Kent late of Marshfield aforesaid Yeoman deceased Dyed Seized of, Pursuant to his Will into ten equall parts or Shares and Assign and Sett off by meets and Bounds unto *Ebenezer Kent* one Thenth part, unto *Samuell Kent* one Thent part, To *Ezekiell Kent* one tenth part to *Elisha Kent* one Tenth Part, To *Joseph Kent* one Tenth part To the *heirs of Benjamin Kent Dec^{d}*. One Tenth part To *Hannah Kent* One Tenth part, to the *Heirs* or Assigns *of Sarah Keent* dec^{d}. one Tenth Part, To *Marcy Keent* one Tenth Part and to *Abigaill Keent* the Other Tenth Part so that each one may hold their parts in Severallty agreable to the Will of the s^{d}. John Kent Dec^{d}. and make return thereof under your hands and upon your Oathes as Soon as you can Given under my hand and the seal of the said Court of Probate @ Scituate the 18th day of November Anno. Domi. 1756.

John Cushing — Judge of Probt.

In accordance with the above was set off to Joseph Kent the first share being about fourteen acres partly in the line of Kenelm Winslow Esq. part in the line of Deacon Waterman.

To Abigaill Kent the second share of about fourteen acres, part in line of said Joseph Kent's share and part in line of Deacon Waterman.

To Ebenezer Kent the third share of about eight acres and one quarter, part in line of said Abigaill Kent's share, part in line of John Sherman.

To Ezekiell Kent the fourth share of about eleven acres, part in line of said Ebenezer Kent's share, bounded mostly by his share.

To Samuel Kent the ninth share of about twelve acres, part bounded by Joseph Kent's share in the line of Kenelm Winslow, part bounded by Kenelm Winslow's land.

To Marcy Kent the eighth share of about thirteen acres, mostly bounded by Samuel Kent's share part being in the line of Joseph Kent's share.

To the heirs of Benjamin Kent, dec^{d}. the seventh share of about seventeen acres, mostly bounded by Mary Kent's share, part being in the line of Abigaill Kent's share.

To Hannah Kent the sixth share of about twelve acres, part bounded by Ebenezer Kent's share, part by Ezekiell Kent's share, part by the share of the heirs of Benjamin Kent.

To the heirs of Sarah Kent, dec^{d}. the fifth share of about nineteen acres, partly bounded by Ezekiel Kent's share, partly by Hannah Kent's share.

To Elisha Kent the tenth share in the upland two common wood lots.

All the above shares are in the upland.

To Ebenezer Kent the first share in the salt meadow of about three acres and one half.

To Hannah Kent one acre of salt meadow partly bounded by Ebenezer Kent's share.

To Joseph Kent the third share of salt meadow of about three acres and one half, partly bounded by Hannah Kent's share.

To the heirs of Sarah Kent, dec^{d} the fourth share in the salt meadow of about five acres, partly bounded by Joseph Kent's share.

To Abigaill Kent the fifth share of salt meadow of about four acres and a half, partly bounded by Joseph Kent's share.

To Ezekiel Kent the ninth share of salt marsh of about four acres.

To the heirs of Benjamin Kent, dec^{d} the eighth share of salt meadow of about six acres, partly bounded by Ezekiel Kent's share.

To Samuell Kent the seventh share of salt meadow of about six acres, partly bounded by the share of Benjamin Kent's heirs, part in line of Elisha Kent.

To Elisha Kent the tenth share in salt marsh of about four acres and one half, partly bounded by Samuell Kent's share, partly by the share of Benjamin Kent's heirs.

To Marcy Kent the sixth share in salt marsh of about four acres and a quarter, partly in line of Elisha Kent, partly bound by Abigaill Kent's share and partly by Samuell Kent's share.

The bounds of the above shares are all recorded in full but only those given here which refer to other people's property.

"Plimouth Sc. To John Cushing Esqr. Judge of the probate of Wills &c. for and within the County of Plimouth. The account of Ebenezer Kent, Ezekiel Kent and Elisha Kent, Executors of the Last Will & Testament of John Kent Late of Marshfield in the County of Plimo. Yeoman, deceased, is Humbly offered for allowance as follows.

Impr^{s}. The said accountants charges themselves with all the Personall Estate in said dec^{ds} Inventory amounting to the sum of	275.15.0	
Also wth ye Proffits of the Farm Since	29. 5.8	
		£305.0.8

Secondly they Pray allowance for Debts paid and their charges as follows, viz.

To the Funerall Charges	1. 9. 1	
Due to Ebn^{r}. Kent	134. 6. 1	
To Joel Whitemore	7. 6. 7	
To Sundrey Persons	21.17. 8	
To the Legacies	25.16. 8	
To Cash p^{d} Mr. Taylor Interest on his Legasie . .	1.11. 0	
To Samuell Kents	16. 0. 0	
To Joseph Kent	0.17.11	
To Cash paid the apprizers, Judge, &c.	2.11. 8	
To the Dividers of the Estate	6. 1. 4	
To the Exec^{rs} for their Time and Trouble charges and p^{d}. the Judge & Reg^{r}	6.16. 8	
		£232.15.3

A True acco^{t} E. E. & Ezekiel Kent.

Plimo. Sc. May the 6th 1756. The said Ezekiel Kent, one of the Exec^{rs} having made oath to the Truth of the above account, and it having been examined is allowed, John Cushing Judge of Prob^{ts}.

Province of the Massachusetts bay Plimouth Sc. { By the Honble John Cushing Esqr. Judge of the probate of Wills and for Granting Letters of Adm^{n} on the Estates of persons deceased having Goods, Chattels, Rights or Credits in the County of Plimouth within the province afores^{d}.

JOHN[2] and SARAH SMITH KENT (who was a great-aunt of Abigail Smith Adams) had 4 chil. b. in Charlestown; 6 chil. b. in Scituate; and 4 chil. b. in Marshfield.

I. SARAH, b. Oct. 11; d. Dec. 24, 1693.

II. JOHN,[3] b. Sept. 29, 1694.

III. HANNAH, b. Mch 5, 1695–6; resided in Boston.

Hannah Kent of Boston, in consideration of £187. 9s. 4p. paid by Ebeneza Kent of Charlestown, Merchant, conveyed about 28 acres of land in Marshfield

being the whole of what was set off to me & Sarah Kent, deceased, in the division of the real estate of my hon[d] father, John Kent, deceased, for 2 tenth parts of said estate. Dated, May 4th 1761. Witness Sarah Kent. We the subscribers do hereby quit our claim to any right of reserval of the above demised premises, Abigail Kent, Marcy Kent.

IV. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 8, 1697–8; d. in Scituate, Jan. 8, 1702.

John, Hannah, and Elizabeth were baptized in Cambridge, where, at the First Church, their mother, in 1698, had owned the Covenant in order to have her children baptized.

V. EBENEZER,[3] b. May 28, 1699; moved to Charlestown about 1728.

VI. BENJAMIN,[3] b. Jan. 8, 1701; moved to Boston.

VII. SARAH, b. Sept. 10, 1702; d. in Boston about 1755.

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Sarah Kent of Boston within y[e] County of Suffolk & Province of y[e] Massachusetts Bay in New England — spinster &c &c. I give & bequeath as follows Viz[t]: I give unto my *sister Mercy Kent* my Gold Necklace — Item — I give unto my Niece Sarah Kent Daughter of my *Brother Samuel Kent* of Clarks Island in y[e] County of Plymouth & Province afores[d]. Yeoman all my wearing apparrel whatsoever and as to the rest of my personal Estate & Effects & all my Real Estate whatsoever & wheresoever, the same may be found belonging to me at the time of my decease I give devise & bequeath unto my *sister Hannah Kent* of Boston, Spinster for & during her natural Life & from & after her decease to go to my *Sisters Mercy & Abigail Kent* of *Marshfield* in y[e] County of Plymouth Spinsters & to the Survivor of them & y[e] Heirs and Assigns of Such Survivour I nominate & appoint my s[d]. sister Hannah Kent sole Executrix of this my last will & Testament &c &c

VIII. SAMUEL,[3] b. Dec. 18, 1703; resided on Clark's Island, Plymouth Harbor, Mass., for a time.

IX. EZEKIEL,[3] b. Oct. 8, 1705.

X. NATHANIEL,[3] b. Feb. 8, 1708; probably d. young.

XI. ELISHA,[3] b.

XII. JOSEPH,[3] b. 1718.

XIII. MERCY,[3] b. . . ; of Boston in 1757–59.

Mercy Kent of Boston, Spinster, in consideration of £14. 12s. 4d paid by Anthony Thomas of Marshfield, Mariner, conveyed real estate, salt marsh which descended to me by my hon[d]. father, Mr. John Kent, of Marshfield, deceased. Dated, July 27, 1757.

Mercy Kent of Boston, spinster, in consideration of 74£. 13s. 4d. paid by Kenelm Winslow of Marshfield, conveyed about 13 acres of land in Marshfield. Dated, June 5, A.D. 1759.

XIV. ABAGAIL,[3] b. . . ; of Marshfield in 1757.

Abigail Kent of Marshfield, Spinster, consideration £92. 6/. 8[d] paid by Anthony Thomas of Marshfield conveyed real estate upland & meadow which descended to me by my hon[d] father, Mr. John Kent, late of Marshfield, deceased.

ESTATE OF JOHN KENT[2] IN CHARLESTOWN.

Estate. Buys of Mercy Chickering 6 acres 1697, J. K. and wife Sarah to Joseph Whittemore 1698. J. K. of Scituate to J. Hancock 2 acres 1704. of father John 1707. Of Joseph Kent 2 acres marsh, 1 acre upland adjoining. — N road. W creek and Common: S & E John K., 1708–9. J. K. of Marshfield and wife Sarah to J. Asbury lots, 1709–10

JOSHUA,[2] son of John,[1] is, I am quite sure, the same Joshua who was mar. in Boston by Mr. Sam'l Willard, Nov. 4, 1697, to Agnes Okeman, who was bapt'd May 24, 1702, in 2nd Church. One Joshua Kent d. Boston, Jan. 5, 1702. The children of Joshua and Agnes O. Kent were:

I. JOSHUA,[3] b. Sept. 14, 1698.
II. JOHN,[3] b. Aug. 11, 1700.
III. AGNES, b. Sept. 17, 1702; was mar. June 21, 1722, by Rev. John Webb, to Isaac Pierce, of Boston.

JOSEPH,[2] son of John,[1] was mar. by Rev. Mr. Cushing, on Nov. 26, 1702, to *Rebecca Chittenden*, of Scituate, Mass. He d. May 30, 1753. She d. Apl. 2, 1762, in her 81st year. They lie buried in Phipps-street Cemetery, Charlestown. They were admitted to 1st Church, Cambridge, 1703, and in 1753–4 their negro woman Jane, wife of Hannibal, was also admitted.

ESTATE OF JOSEPH.[2]

Taxed 1727–1737, 1741–1748. Buys of Jonathan Pierce 3 acres N Cambridge road; W town land and creek; S & E John Kent, 1707. Of S Counce 1707–8, with W. Rand, of Thomas Lord, 3½ acres 2d division pasture N Thomas Lynde, now Tufts; E James Miller, L. Dowse; W range, 1708, recorded 1710–11. To brother John 1708–9. Of James Miller 16 acres stinted pasture — N Mr Ward occupied by J. M. E range S R Miller; W R. and K., 1711 recorded 1713. Of Thomas Tufts, 21 acres Swamp 2d division, 1711, recorded 1713. Division with W. R., the 3 previous lots, N to J K.; S W R.; 1713. Of J Hartwell 1718–19 recorded 1762. J K of Cambridge of J. Hartwell 1719 recorded 1724. Of Elizabeth Howard, house and 30 acres, 1721. Buys of N. Lamson 2–6 of 1 acre. SW way to Dirty marsh; NE Creek; NW Ruth Wyer; SE J. K.; 2–6 of 1 acre — NE John Rand; E widow White; W. Nathaniel Tufts; SW. J K; 1732. Of John Sprague ¼ lot Dirty marsh N by way adjoining John Rand, late John Fowle 3 rods 14 feet; on White 3 rods 12 feet, ¼ marsh — N side of way to Westfield 5 rods; NW Wyer; late of widow D. Mousel; 1732–3. To J. S., 1–6 of 2½ acres, late of John Mousal, Set to widow — bounded on field-highway 12 rods; S road 7½ rods; NW Joseph Harris 10½ rods; between F Shepherd and Paul Wilson (now J. S.); 1732–3. Of William Rand 1–6 of widow's thirds, as sold by J S to K 1733 of Jonathan Hastings, 1738. Of Anna Mousel &c 3 acres marsh, 4 acres upland — NE Mystic river; SE S K and R Call; SW N Lamson, way to marsh, 1742, recorded 1744. To son Samuel 2½ acres — N Mystic river; E S. K. and R Call; S N. Lamson; W J. K. Also east part of farm where I dwell — N highway; S & E P. Tufts, 1742–3, recorded 1744

WILL May 28 (proved June 30) 1753 devised to wife, use of all estate except that given to Samuel; gave negroes Peggy to *daughter Mehetabel*, Venus *to*

Residence of L. Vernon Briggs, Hanover, Mass.

Rebecca, Jenny to *Benjamin*, Violet to *Stephen*; to *son Samuel* 16 acres east of orchard bought of N. Hayward, near Winter hill; ½ acre marsh; 1½ acres west of S. Kent, as of widow Mousel; 2 acres at west end of "Peitel" lot; use of 12 acres woods, bought of Hartwell; 1½ acres west of his home lot running to P Tufts residue to the other children.

Inventory: (1) House and 5¾ acres, N road; N: W, watering place; S, P. Tufts; E S K.; W J. K. (2) 16 acres. — NE road; NW, Wyer; SW, John Cooper, Eben Frost; E above lot and watering place. (3) 74 acres Winter hill — E range N. W Tufts; E W. and P. Tufts; N road; W & N P. T.; W. range, SW heirs W Cooper; S. John Rand; E range; S S Rand (4) 8¾ acres — S Joseph Lamson, Stearns; W. W Wyer, creek: N Medford river; E, S. K. (5) ½ acre marsh — S T Welch; W S K.; N Medford river; E beach (6) 2 acres, 60 rods Dirty marsh — S, J. Lynde; W Nathaniel Tufts; N John Rand; E Nathaniel Tufts. (7) 5 acres marsh; E T Jenner; N Mill pond and creek; S S Rand. (8) 2¼ acres Woods — S Cambridge line: W W Cutter; N Joseph Adams; E Thomas Wright; real £1.09.5

Widow Rebecca taxed 1756–1761. Deed with others of Noah Bowman 1756. Will, Nov. 14, 1758 proved April 19, 1762, devised to 8 children and 2 grandchildren; left negro Jane

Stephen (son) deed to brother Samuel 1755.

Thomas Chittenden, of Scituate, yeoman, in consideration of £45 paid by *Joseph Kent of Charlestown yeoman*, conveyed 4½ acres of upland lying in Scituate, being the westerly part of land I bought of John Hyland which formerly belonged to Joseph Chittenden, bounded by land late belonging to Stephen Chittenden, deceas[d]. Westerly by land of Jonathan Jackson, jun. Dated Dec. 3, 1724.

Joseph Chittenden of Scituate, mariner, in consideration of £200 paid by *Joseph Kent* of Charlestown, yeoman, conveyed 10 acres of upland in Scituate, bounded by land of Jonathan Jackson & the highway Dated Feb. 3[d] 1748.

JOSEPH[2] and REBECCA CHITTENDEN KENT had children:

I. JOSEPH,[3] b. Mch. 5, 1703/4; resided in Boston, "Gent'n;" never married; d. 1757, leaving estate to bro. Benjamin (for copy will, see Hist. Shipb'ld'g No. River); he grad. Harv. Col. in 1731.

II. STEPHEN,[3] b. June 14, 1706; moved to Chelsea, later to Roxbury.

III. BENJAMIN,[3] b. 1708; was chaplain at Brunswick 1731; pastor in Marlborough 1733 to '35, attorney in Boston 1747 to '85; also practising in Worcester County 1757 to '67; of Halifax and Windsor, N.S., prior to his death in 1788.

IV. MEHETABEL, b. Aug. 26, 1711; admitted 1st Church Cambridge 1734; mar. Jotham Tuttle,
(John Kent, son of widow Mehitable Tuttle, was bapt. in Chelsea May 30, 1762.)

V. SAMUEL,[3] b. July 18, 1714.

VI. JONATHAN, b. Mar. 29, 1717; grad. Harvard Col. 1739; d. unmarried, leaving estate to bro. Benj. He was buried in Copp's Hill Cemetery, Boston. The stone reads:

Here lyes the body of
Jonathan Kent. A. M.
who deceased Decembr 30th 1760 aged
43 years
His Education and temper of mind were liberal. He
was no Sectary in Religion: to life or death he
was so indifferent, that, Confiding in the di-
vine providence, he was satisfied with
that lot and portion by God for
him ordained in this life
and the future. Of
himself he might
truly say
Et in ea Virtute me involvo probamque pauperiem
Sine Dote quæro

VII. DAVID,[3] b. June 1, 1719; resided in Charlestown, Scituate, Philadelphia, and Boston (see copy will, Hist. Shipb'ld'g No. River).

VIII. JOHN,[3] b. Sept. 24, 1722.

IX. REBECCA, b. May 6, 1725; mar. Eben Rockwell.

EBENEZER,[2] son of John,[1] resided in Hingham prior to 1703, when he built on Beechwood St. the first dwelling-house which was erected on the west side of Conahasset River. The same year he mar. *Hannah, dau. of Joseph Gannett*, of Scituate, b. in Scit. in 1684; she d. in Hing., Mch. 27, 1767, at 83 yrs. He d. Feb'y 16, 1752, æ. 71 yrs. (gravestone). He is described as Yeoman and as Husbandman, he was member of 2nd Church, Cohasset, and Town Constable 1727 and 1736, and owned land in several towns.

Ebenezer Kent of Scituate, in consideration of £3 Currant money of New England paid by James Cushing of Scituate, conveyed ten acres of land which was granted to the said Ebenezer Kent by the Town of Scituate the 19th. of March 1706-7 Being the 180th lot in number.

Dated January 21-A.D. 1708-9-

Elizth. Leverett of Scituate, only surviving daughter of Mathew Gannett of Scituate, deceased, in consideration of £20 paid by *Ebenezer Kent of Scituate*, conveyed 2 acres 53½ rods of land lying at Conihasset, in Scituate, being piece of land which my hond. mother Hannah Gannett purchased of Mr. Thomas Jenkins of Scituate. Also my share in those lands, meadows, housing & saw mill which was the estate of my father Mathew Gannett of Scituate, deceased, being same land or tenement on which said Ebenezer Kent now dwells & has had the use & improvement of for several years past, also all other lands which were the estate of my father at the time of his death & all reversions & remainders thereunto belonging. Dated, Oct. 2, A.D. 1712.

Mathew Gannett of Scituate, in consideration of certain pieces of land, exchanged by *Ebenezer Kent of Cohasset, also Hingham*, conveyed land amounting to 3½ acres, granted by Proprietors of Cohassett, in Scituate to Mathew Gannett, jun, Executor to Mathew Gannett, also another one acre lot, granted by s'd Proprietors, to Mathew Gannett, Jun. son of said Mathew Gannett, Execr. & contains 4½ acres, lying in Scituate Beach Woods Dated, April 1 — A.D. 1717.

Ebenezer Kent of Cohassett als. Hingham Co. of Suffolk, in consideration of

certain parcels given by exchange by Matthew Gannett of Scituate, conveyed 2 acres 53½ rods of land lying at Conihassett in Scituate & is the piece I bought of Elizabeth Leavitt & *lies the barn* of Matthew Gannett & also all my part, portion & interest in & unto all those lands, meadows, housing & Saw mill which was the estate of Matthew Gannett, father to s^d Eliz^th. Leavitt. Dated April 1st, 1717.

Ebenezer Kent of Hingham in Co. of Suffolk, Husbandman, in consideration £20 Currant money paid by Amos Perry of Scituate, Shipwright, conveyed land lying in Scituate containing 10 acres which was laid out to me the s'd Ebenezer Kent, as assignee to Joseph House of Scituate, on May 3^d. 1707. being Lot no. 39 near a place called George Wamsey's Swamp & bounded by land of White & Perry. Dated, Dec. 29 — 1718.

BEECHWOOD CEMETERY.

In 1737 Aaron Pratt and Isaac Bates "Yeomen" both of Hingham, Second precinct, in Consideration of £7 Current money Conveyed to Jonathan Pratt, Israel Whitcomb, Stephen Stoddard Jr. Prince Joy, *Ebenezer Kent* and Joshua Bates Jr. all of Hingham, a tract of land Containing eighteen rods, Situated "in front of our house lots where we now dwell in the Township of Hingham" and bounded as follows, S by the way or road; E with the land of Isaac Bates; N partly with the land of said Bates and partly with the land of Aaron Pratt; and W with said Pratt as the same is now staked out

WILL *From Suffolk Probate* Dated 16th June 1748
Vol 46 page 316 Probated 29th May 1752

I EBENEZER KENT OF HINGHAM in the County of Suffolk in New England Yeoman &c &c. I Give and Bequeath to my well beloved *Wife* the use and Improvement of my whole Estate after the payment of my just Debts and funeral Charges out of my Personal Estate as aforesaid so long as she remains my widow. and in Case she Changes her Condition again by marriage, my mind and will is that she shall be paid thirty five Pounds in Bills of the last Emission or in other Money Equivalent thereto, so good as it was at the Day of the Date hereof by my Executors hereafter named. Item I give and Bequeath to Each of my *sons* after the Death of their Mother or Marriage Viz^t. to my *sons Isaac, Ebenezer, Seth and Abel* Equally out of my Estate upon a just apprisal thereof and to each of *my Daughters* Equally one half so much as to each of my sons upon a just apprizal thereof to Each of them their Heirs & Assigns forever. And *Whereas my son Seth aforesaid hath been absent for divers years my mind is that w^t. I have given to him be after a Division of my Estate lodged Equally in the hands of the other three Viz^t. Isaac Ebenezer & Abel to be paid to him if he return or be in the Land of the Living* & if not my will is that they their Heirs & Assignes Enjoy it forever. and to prevent Disputes as to what each ones share shall be my will & meaning is that each son shall have one Seventh part of my whole estate, and each of *my Daughters* one fourteenth part to them their Heirs & Assigns forever (Viz^t.) *Hannah Whitcomb. Mercy Stodder Elizabeth Pitcher Abigail Souther Mary Blake & Lydia Kent* And further my mind & will is that my Executors shall have Liberty to sell my whole Estate and to pay to each of their Brothers and Sisters their proportions upon a just apprizal after the Death or Marriage of their Mother. and I do hereby nominate & appoint my beloved Wife and my two sons Isaac & Ebenezer to be the executors of this my last will and Testament &c &c

Value per Inventory £305-11-2

EBENEZER and HANNAH GANNETT KENT had children:

I. ABIGAIL, b. Oct. 12, 1706; d. March 12, 1709.

II. HANNAH, b. 1707, Hingham;

mar. Jan. 16, 1727-8, Israel Whitcomb, "husbandman," of Beechwood St., Hingham; b. Scituate, Feb. 19, 1700-1; d. Feb.

19, 1787. She d. July 22, 1782, aged 75. They had 10 chil.: **1.** Hannah, b. Feb. 28, 1728–9; d. March 8, 1736–7. **2.** Job, b. Aug. 8, 1731; d. March 25, 1737. **3.** Elizabeth, b. March 29, 1734; d. March 27, 1737. **4.** Israel, b. Jan. 15; d. March 27, 1736–7. **5.** Israel, b. Feb. 9, 1738–9. **6.** Job, b. Jan. 17, 1739–40; mar. Feb. 27, 1769, Kezia, dau. of John Wheelwright, and had David, who mar. Prudence Dorothy. Job, d. Sept. 22, 1813. **7.** Jacob, b. Sept. 4, 1741; d. July 8, 1747. **8.** Joseph, b. Feb. 2, 1743–4; mar. Oct. 25, 1770, Hannah, dau. of Jayamiah Nichols, and d. April 21, 1832. **9.** Lot, b. April 10, 1746; mar. Nov. 30, 1769, Sarah Lincoln, who d. 31 Oct., 1838, aged 91. He d. 31 May, 1827. **10.** Hannah, b. Nov. 11, 1748; d. 4 Nov., 1754. Of the above the first 4 died in March, 1737.

III. MERCY, b. July 31, 1708–9;

mar. 1st, Nov. 27, 1727, Stephen Stodder, of Beechwood St., Hingham, b. April 16, 1705, by whom all her chil. were born. He d. March 25, 1755. She mar. 2nd, June 8, 1757, David Bates, widower, of Hingham, who d. 1760. She mar. 3rd, August 27, 1761, Jonathan Beale, widower. Her chil., all b. in Hing., were: **1.** Samuel, Sept. 22, 1728. **2.** Hannah, Sept. 11, 1730. **3.** Mercy, July 19, 1732; m. Jan. 23, 1751–52, Seth Merritt, of Scit. **4.** Rachel, Sept. 9, 1734; m. May 22, 1757, Stephen (b. Hing., Feb. 9, 1736–7), son of Canterbury Stodder, after of Westford, Mass.; chil. b. in Hing.: Stephen, b. Feb. 19, 1758, of Westford. Betty, b. Dec. 31, 1759; mar. June 12, 1777, Isaac Tower. Anna, b. March 20, 1762; mar. June 27, 1784, Ephraim Lincoln, Jr. Malachi, bpt. Feb. 24, 1765. **5.** Simeon, Jan. 16, 1736–37. **6.** Mary, Nov. 1, 1739. **7.** David, Oct. 17, 1741. **8.** Canterbury, Oct. 22, 1743. **9.** Ann, Oct. 2, 1745. **10.** Sarah, May 1, 1748.

IV. ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 6, 1710(15); mar. 1st, May 7, 1735, Eliakim Mayo, of Boston; 2nd, . . . Pitcher.

V. SUSANNA, b. 1711; died April 23, 1715.

VI. ISAAC,[3] b. Sept. 27, 1712(19); removed in 1745 to Milford, Mass.

VII. MARY, b. 1715(13); mar. Aug. 31, 1743, widower Joseph Blake, of Hingham and Scit., and had 1 child, James, b. Aug. 19, 1744.

VIII. EBENEZER,[3] b. April 18, 1717; moved to Leicester, Mass.

IX. SETH,[3] b. April 3, 1721 (see his father's will).

X. ABIGAIL, b. March 29, 1723;

mar. Oct. 22, 1744, Joseph Souther, of Beechwood St., Hingham, a shipwright; b. 1719; d. Feb. 28, 1808. She d. March 2, 1808, aged 85. She had 9 chil.: **1.** Joseph, Dec. 31, 1745. **2.** Elizabeth, May 17, 1748; m. March 9, 1775, Joseph Cudworth. **3.** Hannah, May 30, 1750; m. Nov. 25, 1773, Gershom Ewell. **4.** Lydia, June 22, 1752; d. 17 Nov., 1754. **5.** John, Feb. 13, 1755. **6.** Daniel, Feb. 11, 1758. **7.** Asa, July 22, 1760; m. Aug. 21, 1782, Meriel Tower. Asa, a son, was

drowned in Weir River, 20 Dec., 1814. **8.** Laban, Nov. 9, 1762. **9.** Elijah, May 15, 1766; d. 12 Dec., 1784, in 19th yr.

XI. LYDIA, b. April 24, 1725;
mar. Dec. 22, 1743, Noah Ripley, of Hingham; b. Sept. 18, 1721. This family removed to Woodstock, Conn., thence to Barre, Mass., where he d. in 1788. They had 19 chil.: 2 b. in Hing., viz.: Peter, Dec. 16, 1744, and Silence, April 6, 1746.

XII. ABEL,[3] b. Aug. 7, 1730.

JOHN,[3] son of John,[2] mar. Bathsheba Doggett. They had chil. b. in Boston:

I. JOHN,[4] b. June 23; bapt. (Old South Church) Aug. 18, 1723.

II. SARAH, b. Dec. 25; bapt. 27, 1724; was mar. July 27, 1741, to Oxenbridge Thacher, Jr., by Rev. Jos. Sewall.

III. HANNAH, b. April 5, 1727–8.

IV. ELIZABETH, b. April 18, 1729 (one Elizabeth mar. Col. John Sumner and they had one child, John, b. Oct., 1759).

V. DESIRE.

VI. ABIGAIL.

VII. MARCY.

Oxenbridge Thacher, Esq., was mar. by Rev. Jos. Sewall, on July 30, 1740, to Bathsheba Kent, possibly the widow of John, who d. prior to 1750.

EBENEZER,[3] son of John,[2] mar 1st, Dec. 25, 1728, *Huldah Whittemore*, who d. Feb. 25, 1730–1, aged 31. By her he had 2 chil. He mar., 2nd, May 28, 1733, *Anna Smith* (an aunt of Abigail Smith Adams), who d. June 15, 1781, aged 73. Gravestones in Charlestown. He d. June 28, 1776, aged 77. He was mar. each time by Rev. Hull Abbott. He resided in Boston, Charlestown, and Reading. He was a merchant, was engaged in the fishing trade, and prominent in town affairs. In 1738 he was captain of S. Henley's snow, "Rebecca." He lost by the burning of Charlestown by the British, June 17, 1775, as follows: Buildings, £726 13s. 4d.; lands, trees, and fences, £13; personal property, £21 14s.; other expense, £2 16s.; total, £764 3s. 4d. After the destruction of his property he retired to Reading.

In 1748 an addition of £100 was made to the salary of the grammar schoolmaster, the school-house was repaired, and a committee, Mr. Thaddeus Mason, Capt. Ebenezer Kent, Mr.

Samuel Bradstreet, Capt. Edward Sheafe, and Mr. James Russell, were appointed to visit the school once, at least, a quarter to examine it, and the children that were admitted to it.

To His Excellency William Shirley, Esqr Captain General & Governour in Chief The Honourable his Majestys Council and the Honourable House of Representatives of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in General Court Assembled

The Petition of *Ebenezer Kent* John Miller Nathl Gorham & Samuel Kettle of Charlestown in the Province afores^d.

Humbley Shews

That your Petitioners have for Severall years been concern'd in Carrying on the Fishery but their Not having License to sell spirituous Licquors has Deprived them of Part of the Profit which accrues from The Supply of the Fishery And That your Petitioners would be more largely concern'd this year provided They could be encouraged by having all the advantages which Belong to the Supply in the said Imployment

Your Petitioners Therefore humbly pray That for their Encouragement in the Prosecution of so Beneficial a Branch of Business to the Province That your Excellency and Honours would be plea's'd to Give Leave to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace To be holden at Charlestown afores^d the second Tuesday of March next to grant Them License to Sell Spirituous Licquors As the Time appointed by Law for granting Licenses will Not come about till September next

And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever Pray

Charlestown February 14th 1755

Jno Miller
Eben^r Kent
Nathl Gorham
Sam^ll Kettell

In the House of Represent^ves Feby 19. 1755

Read & ordered that the prayer of the Petition be Granted and that the Justices of the Court of General Sessions of the peace for the County of Middlesex at their next Term be & hereby are Impowered (if they think fit) to License the Pet^rs Retailers of Spirituous Liquors in the Town of Charlestown they obtaining the approbation of the selectmen of the s^d. Town, the time for granting of Licences being Elapsed Notwithstanding Sent up for concurrence.

I Hubbard Spk^r.

In Council February 19. 1755 Read & concur'd

Thos Clarke Dp^ty Secry

Consented to W Shirley

Eben^r Kent appears as one of the Committee of the Town of Charleston on a Petition dated Feb 28. 1759 in answer to the first parish in Cambridge

In 1759 The First Parish of Cambridge, for the third time within ten years, asked the General Court to annex a portion of this town adjoining it to Cambridge to pay minister's taxes. The town opposed this petition by a strong remonstrance signed by Edward Sheaffe J^r. John Foye and Ebenezer Kent (3).

Ebenezer Kent of Charlestown, Co. of Middlesex, Merchant, in consideration of £223, 6-s. 8p. paid by Anthony Thomas of Marshfield, yeoman, conveyed a parcel of land & salt meadow in Marshfield containing 42 acres. It being 3/10 parts of the real estate of *Mr. John Kent* late of Marshfield, deceased, & was warrantably divided into ten parts & these 3 parts are the above said Ebenezer Kent's share. & Hannah Kent's share, & Sarah Kent's share in the said division & the particular bounds of each part may appear by the records of the division of the said Mr. John Kent's real estate, divided Dec. 1755.

Dated May 1st. A.D. 1761. Anna Kent wife of Ebenezer Kent.

EBENEZER[3] KENT'S children were:

I. EBENEZER,[4] b. Oct. 23; bapt. 26 (1st Church, Ch'st'n), 1729.
II. HULDAH, b. Feb. 9; bapt. 21, 1730; d. Sept. 10, 1732.
III. NATHANIEL, b. Aug. 7; bapt. 11, 1734; d. young.
IV. JOHN,[4] b. Mch. 5–23, 1737–8; d. prior 1763.
V. NATHANIEL,[4] b. July 16; bapt. 22, 1739.
VI. ANNA, b. Aug. 3; bapt. 10, 1740; mar. May 24, 1759, Nathaniel Austin, and had dau. Sarah.
VII. SARAH, b. Apl. 19; bapt. 25, 1742; mar. Edward Cutts.
VIII. ELIZABETH, bapt. June 16, 1745; d. young.
IX. ELIZABETH, bapt. Aug. 16, 1747; mar. . . . Smith, and had dau. Anna.
X. ABIGAIL (b. Aug. 1 (?)), bapt. July 15, 1749–50; mar. Dec. 11, 1777, Thomas Welch, at Brattle St. Church, Boston.

THE ESTATE OF EBENEZER[3] KENT, Charlestown, was as follows:

Estate — Taxed 1730-1764 (except 1745) 1770; in Valuation 1771. No. 273. Sells with Smiths heirs to S Henley 1733. To D Russells half house late of W Smiths running 12 feet from s w corner near Northward to partition; running E by partition to rear then 9½; E through yard in Back Street 22, whole being 28 ft on Main Street, w. land to Trainingfield; E Back Street 37, Yard 12 ft broad; N by Adams, late Carter; E Boylston, on Back Street 44; 1734. Of D. K. same; reserving to widow; 1734. Of John Sprague executrix 1 acre, as of Benjamin 1741. To Isaac Smith ½ wharf 1763.

Request for Administration made July 1777, and granted Aug 26 to N Austin of Cambridge and Thomas Welch. Inventory: House-lot £420; Pasture £175; wharf £120; Total £618. Administrators sell John Larkin ½ house as before 1782. Administrators to J Cordis 1782.

Anna (widow's) will April 23 (proved Sept 5) 1781 devised to *daughters Anna, Elizabeth, Sarah, Abigail;* to *grand-children Sarah Austin, Anna Smith*, John, Ann and Huldah Kent.

BENJAMIN,[3] son of John,[2] mar. Oct. 31, 1723, Persis Dogget, of Marshfield, Mass. He removed to Boston and became a "mariner," dying 1748–49, at Kingston, Jamaica. His widow was living in 1760, when she conveyed house and land on Bromfield's Lane by deed witnessed by Oxenteg Thacher.

From Suffolk Probate — Dated 13 January 1748
Vol. 42, page 486. — Probated 27 June 1749

Benjamin Kent of Boston in the County of Suffolk in New England *Mariner* &c &c. I give to my Loving *Wife Persis* in Lieu of her Dower & Power of thirds, the use of one third of my Real Estate during her Natural Life & one third of my Personal Estate forever. Item. my will is that my said Wife shall have the use & Improvement of the Rest of my Real & personal Estate to Enable her to bring up my Children untill the youngest of them arrives to the

age of twenty one years & if there should be occasion to sell & Dispose of any or all my Real Estate for that End I hereby Give her Power to do so & to execute proper Deeds of the same. Further my will is that no Division of my Estate be made on any account either Real or Personal untill my youngest Child as aforesaid Come of age as before mentioned unless my said Wife shall marry again & in that Case she to have her said thirds then sett out to her. Item. as to the Remainder of my said Estate both Real & Personal that shall be left after my said Children are brought up as aforesaid or at my said wifes' marriage let which will happen First. my Will is that the same be equally divided among my *four sons & four Daughters* Viz *Benjamin. Nathaniel. Joseph John Persis. Elisabeth Bathsheba & Mary* & that part of my Real Estate herein Given to their mother to be alike Divided after her Decease or to their Legal Representatives to hold the whole of my said Real Estate in manner as aforesaid. to them, their heirs &c &c &c

Lastly I Nominate my said Loving Wife Persis to be sole Executrix &c. &c. (There was a "widow Kent" living on Center St., Boston, in 1789.)

BENJAMIN[3] and PERSIS DOGGET KENT had children:

I. PERSIS, b. July 9, 1726; mar. Robt. Jenkins, a merchant of Boston.
II. PENELOPE, bapt. Nov. 8, 1726; d. young.
III. ELIZABETH, b. Boston; bapt. (as were the following) at the Old South Church, Oct. 10, 1731; living but not married in 1763.
IV. NATHANIEL, bapt. July 22, 1733; d. young.
V. BATHSHEBA, bapt. Aug. 24, 1735: probably d. young.
VI. JOSEPH, bapt. Oct. 9, 1737; d. young.
VII. MARY, bapt. Dec. 2, 1739; d. young.
VIII. JOSEPH,[4] bapt. June 6, 1742; moved to Maine.
IX. JOHN,[4] bapt. Apr. 8, 1743-4; moved to Maine.

Nov. 18. 1755 Jedediah Bourn of Marshfield was appointed guardian unto Mary Kent, a minor dau. and John and Joseph two minor sons of Benjamin Kent, late of Boston in the County of Suffolk, mariner, deceased.

A Petition under date Feby. 6. 1762 of *Persis Kent of Boston. Widow*, Robert Jenkins of Boston Merchant and Persis his wife Elizabeth Kent of Boston Spinster and Jedediah Bourn of Marshfield Guardian of Joseph Kent and John Kent Minors Children of the said Persis Kent — Setting forth That the said Minors are interested with the other Petitioners in a few acres of Land in Marshfield so Situated as to be incapable of making a Settlement, and all the others interested therein are desirous of selling their Shares, and Praying leave to sell the Said minors Shares of said Land

In the House of Representatives Voted, That the Prayer of the Petition be granted and that Jedediah Bourn Guardian to Joseph and John Kent minors and Children of Persis Kent be impowered to join with the other Petitioners in making sale of the said Lands mentioned in Said Petition, and to make and execute a good deed or deeds for conveyance thereof. he giving Sufficient Security to the Judge of Probate for the County of Plymouth to account with the said Minors for their part of the proceeds of the Sale and interest thereon when they shall respectively arrive at lawful age

In Council Read and Concurred Consented to by the Governor

John Kent of Marshfield, Gentleman, by his last will devised an equal share of his real estate to the children of his son Benjamin Kent, deceased, & after-

ward the sd John died leaving *his grandchildren* the issue of the said Benjamin & Persis his wife, viz.: *Persis, Elizabeth, Nathaniel,* & *Mary* (the 2 last named died since the testator deceased, under age) as also *Joseph* & *John* minors, still living, & that by the death of the sd. Nathaniel & Mary, the share that came to them became divideable by law between the said Persis, the mother & the surviving children of s'd Benjamin viz. *Persis* the *wife of Rob't. Jenkins of Boston, Merchant,* Elizabeth Kent of full age & Joseph & John Kent, minors, & since the death of said John the testator, that part of his real estate devised to the children of his son Benjamin, has been set off to them & that as John & Joseph are still minors, the mother & surviving children capable together with Jedidiah Bourn of Marshfield, Guardian of said Joseph & John, petitioned the General Court that said Guardian might sell his wards right or share in said estate which petition was granted Feb. 6,

Wherefore, we the said Persis Kent, Robert Jenkins, & Persis, his wife, Elizabeth Kent & Jedidiah Bourn as Guardian, in consideration of £99.14s.8d paid by Anthony Thomas of Marshfield, yeoman, convened all that share of estate of John Kent, deceased, set off to children of his son Benjamin, About 17 acres bounded by land of Mercy Kent, & Abigail Kent. Also 6 acres of salt marsh, the 8th share of sd John Kent's estate,

Dated April 27, A.D. 1763.

SAMUEL,[3] son of John;[2] mar. 1st (June 25, 1732?), *Desire,* dau. of John *Barker,* who d. in Lebanon. Samuel moved from Marshfield to Plymouth about 1744, where at one time he resided on Clark's Island, in the harbor. His wife d. June 14, 1744. He mar. 2nd, Dec. 8, 1748, *Mrs. Phoebe Cook,* of Kingston, by whom he had no chil. In Marshfield he is termed a cordwainer, in Plymouth a yeoman, and in Kingston, to where he moved abt. 1756, a husbandman. He was living in 1774.

John Rogers of Marshfield in consideration of £30 paid by Samuel Kent of Marshfield, conveyed land lying in Marshfield bounded by land of Nathan Sprague, & Adam Hall. Dated June 18, 1743.

Province of the Massachusetts bay Plimouth Sc. John Cushing Esqr. appointed & Commissioned by the Govr with the advice & Consent of the Council of s^d Province to be Judge of the probate of wills &c. for and within the County of Plimouth in the province aforesaid. To *Samuel Kent* of *Marshfield* in the County of Plimouth Cordwainer Greeting. Trusting in your Care and Fidelity I do by these presents pursuant to the power and authority to me Granted in and by an Act of the Generall Assembly of the said Province Nominate and appoint you to be Gardian unto *Hulda Kent your Daughter* a minor with full power and authority to ask demand sue for Recover receive and take into your Custody all & Singuler such part and portion of Estate as accrews to her in Right of *her mother who is dead* or which by any other way or means whatsoever doth of Right appertain or belong to her and to manage Imploy & Improve the same for her best profitt and advantage and to render a plain & true accompt of your Guardianship upon Oath so far as the Law will Charge you therewith when you shall be Lawfully Required and pay and Deliver such and so much of the s^d Estate as Shall be remaining upon your Accompt the same being first Examined & allowed by the Judge or Judges for the time being of Probate &c. unto the s^d. Minor when she Shall arrive at full age or Otherwise as the s^d. Judge or Judges by his or their Decree or Sentence pursuant to Law shall Limitt and appoint. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of the s^d Court of Probate. Dated at Plimo. the Seventh day of October Anno Dom. 1745.

Jno. Cushing.

Appointments same as above of *Samuel Kent* of Marshfield, Cordwainer, as Guardian unto *his children Ichabod Kent, Samuel Kent, Nath^ll^. Kent, John Kent, Sarah Kent, Hannah Kent, and Desire Barker Kent, all minors*, are recorded.

Saml. Kent of Kingston, yeoman, in consideration of £1-12s. paid by Kenelm Baker, of Marshfield, Gentleman, conveyed about 5 acres of woodland in Marshfield. Dated, Feb. 17, A.D. 1758.

Saml. Kent of Plymouth, yeoman, in consideration of £24-10s- paid by Kenelm Baker of Marshfield yeoman, conveyed about 6 acres of meadow land lying in Marshfield bounded by land of Benj- Kent heirs, land of Elisha Kent, being the same set off to me in the division of real estate of my hon^d^. father John Kent, late of Marshfield, deceased. Dated, March 16, A.D. 1758.

Saml. Kent, of Kingston, husbandman, in consideration of £5. paid by *Nathl. Kent of Charlestown mariner*, conveyed real estate upland & meadow that I bought of my *son Saml* Kent late of Kingston, mariner, deceased, said land is part of that farm *my hon^d^. father-in-law John Barker late of Lebanon, yeoman, deceased* gave to my wife Desire Kent, deceased. Dated, March 24, A.D. 1761.

Saml. Kent of Kingston, yeoman, in consideration of £13-6s-8d paid by *Ichabod Kent of Duxborough* mariner, conveyed $\frac{6}{8}$ parts of the $\frac{1}{2}$ of a tract of upland lying in Marshfield at a place called the Valley pasture lots, the whole of s'd tract containing about 30 acres. & bounded by land of Nathl. Ford, land of Messrs. White, Eames & Baker. Also $\frac{1}{8}$ part of the other half of said upland & the $\frac{1}{8}$ part of a piece of salt meadow lying on South River in Marshfield between meadow of Elisha Phillips & Littles meadow. The whole of which contains about 7 acres & formerly belonged to estate of John Barker, deceased. The two last mentioned eighth parts of upland & meadow fell to me on the decease of my son John Kent. Dated, March 22, 1774.

SAMUEL[3] and DESIRE BARKER KENT had children:

I. SAMUEL[4] b. 1729 ? mar. Sarah . . . and d. 1756. He was a mariner and resided in Kingston, Mass.

Seth Chipman, jun^r^. of Kingston, mariner, in consideration of £36, 13s & 4d paid by *Saml. Kent, junr. of Kingston Sea-faring-man*, conveyed a house-lot or tenement of land & housing lying in Kingston containing $\frac{1}{2}$ acre which I bought of Joshua Cushing by deed, dated Oct. 2 —1747. Bounded by land of Wrestling Brewster, & others, with the buildings thereon, excepting the barn, which I reserve a right to remove from s'd land. Also another tract supposed to contain a quarter of an acre, the Easterly line in a range with the Easterly line of Benjamin Samson's lot.

Dated, Feb. 5th. 1753.

Saml. Kent of Kingston, seafairing man, in consideration of £12 paid by Saml. Kent of Plymouth do hereby release & forever quit-claim unto him said Saml. Kent all my right & title to all lands lying in Marshfield, which my *grandfather John Barker* gave *my mother Desire Kent*. Dated, Jan. 11, 1755.

Sarah Kent wife of Saml Kent.

Saml. Kent of Kingston, seafaring man, in consideration of £66.13s. paid by Saml. Kent of Plymouth *husbandman*, conveyed land in Kingston containing $\frac{1}{2}$ acre bounded by land of Wrestling Barker, Benjamin Samson & others.

Dated, Jan'y 11, 1755. Sarah wife of Sam'l Kent.

Saml. Kent, junr. of Kingston, Mariner & Sarah his wife in consideration of £34-13s. paid by Nicholas Sever of Kingston, Esq. conveyed about 9 acres of land in Kingston. Dated, Jan'y 7, A.D. 1755.

Sept. 4, 1756 Samuel Kent of Plymouth was appointed by Hon. John Cushing administrator of the *estate of his son Samuel Kent, Junr.* late of Kingston, mariner, deceased.

" Pursuant To a Warrant from the Honble John Cushing Esqr. Judge of the

probate of Wills for the County of Plimouth directed to us to make a Just and equall apprizment of all the estate that Mr. Samuell Kent Junr. Late of Kingston, mariner, deceased, died Seized of as was Shone us by the admr. which is as follows, viz.

Impts To Wareing apparell	3.13.10¼
To other Personall Estate	2 – 8
Kingston July 8th 1757	£5.14. 6¼

Benjs. Lothrop, John Faunce, Ebenr Cobb. Junr.

Plimouth Sc. July 20. 1757. The within named Benjamin Lothrop, John Faunce & Ebenezer Cobb, Junr. made oath that the within apprizment by them made was Just & Equall according to the best of their Judgments.

Before me Edward Winslow Justs pacs.

II. NATHANIEL,[4] b. Feb. 25, 1735 (1732?).

III. DESIRE BARKER, b. 1735–6 (?); mar. . . . Hunt (?); she was a "spinster" in 1793.

IV. HANNAH, b. Aug. 4, 1737; mar. Nathan Brewster (?) (Davis of Plym. says: "Nathan Brewster of Duxbury son of 2nd Joshua; mar. Keziah Barden Kent 2nd 1760").

V. JOHN,[4] b. Oct. 13, 1739.

VI. SARAH, b. Aug. 6, 1741; was mar. Nov. 25, 1787, in the Brattle St. Church, Boston, to John Friend, of Newburyport.

John Friend, Trader, *Sarah Friend*, spinster, of Newburyport, Essex Co. & *Desier Barker Kent*, & *Huldah Kent*, both *of Pembroke*, *Spinsters*, in consideration of £11, 5s. paid by William Kent of Marshfield, yeoman, conveyed upland & salt marsh in Marshfield, ⅓ parts of real estate that came to us by our hond *mother Desier Kent* of Marshfield, deceased with our part of farm & orchard thereon,

Dated, May 31, A.D. 1793.

VII. HULDAH, b. Dec. 2, 1743 (removed to Pembroke, Mass., and died unmarried).

Huldah Kent of Pembroke, spinster, June 2, 1786 recovered Judgment against Henry Josslyn of Pembroke, Gentleman, for the sum of £12. 5s. 3d. damage & £3. 9s. 3d. Costs of Suit.

Huldah Kent of Pembroke, single woman, in consideration of £20 paid by Snow Baker of Pembroke, yeoman, conveyed 12 acres of land in Pembroke bounded by land of Ebenezer Torrey & Capt. Henry Josselyn, decd. & Levi Everson. Dated Sept. 13, A.D. 1787.

VIII. ICHABOD,[4] b. Dec. 13, 1744–7.

EZEKIEL,[3] son of John;[2] mar. Dec. 22, 1740, *Susanna*, probably widow of Nath'l *Winslow*. He was a yeoman and owner in vessels, and about 1770 with his family moved to Fox Island, Me.

Ezekiel Kent of Marshfield, yeoman, in consideration of £117 6s. 8d. paid by Anthony Thomas, of Marshfield, yeoman, conveyed about 11 acres of upland &

meadow in Marshfield, said upland being the fourth share of Mr. John Kent's farm & all being a part of the real estate of Mr. John Kent late of Marshfield, deceased. Bounded by land of Ebenezer Kent. Also the ninth share in the meadow or Salt marsh belonging to said farm.

Dated, Oct. 19, A.D. 1768. Lusanna wife of Ezekiel Kent.

A Petition dated Dec 27. 1763 of John Thomas and others Assessors of the Town of Marsfield for the year 1758. Setting forth. That in October 1758 agreeable to the Law of the Province, they made an assessment on *Ezekiel Kent* and Others of the Inhabitants for the Tonnage of Vessels to the amount of Seven pounds Eight shillings, and made a return thereof to the Province Treasurer. That the assessment was delivered to one Simeon Keen a Constable of said Town. but not 'til after another was sworn in his room, who therefore refused to collect the same: The Treasurer however issued his Execution against the said Keen and he paid the money, after which said Keen brought his action against the assessors for the money so paid, and recovered the same with costs. amounting to £17. 2. 10. That the Petitioners have paid the money out of their own pockets and are without remedy unless Nathaniel Little may be impowered to collect the same of the Inhabitants named in the List presented herewith, and praying relief — In the House of Representatives Read and Ordered, That the Petitioners serve Ezekiel Kent, John Baker, Elisha Ford Junr. Capt Cornelius White, John Jones, Abijah Thomas and John Phillips with a copy of this Petition by reading the same to them respectively, or by leaving an attested Copy at each one of the Houses belonging to the persons above named that so they shew Cause, if any they have, on the last Tuesday of January, next, why the Prayer thereof should not be granted.

It is doubtful if the following relates to Ezekiel[3]:

Ezekiel Kent, in the Revolutionary Records appears with rank of Private on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt John Morgan's Co. Col. Ruggles Woodbridge's Regt, Time of enlistment Sept 10. 1777 Time of discharge Nov. 29, 1777 Time of Service 2 mos 19 days. Reported furloughed.

Mass Muster and Pay Rolls *Ezekiel Kent*, appears with rank of Private on A Pay abstract of Capt John Carpenter's Co. Col. Ezra Wood's Regt, for Service in May and June 1778, — 10 days.

Ezekiel Kent Appears on an Order dated West Springfield June 8, 1779 for Wages, given by himself on Lieut Potter P M of Col Wood's Regt. In Capt Carpenter's Co Autograph Signature.

EZEKIEL[3] and SUSANNA WINSLOW KENT had children:

I. PENELOPE, b. June 26, 1743; mar. Josiah Winslow.

II. SUSANNA, b. June 17, 1745; mar. Dec. 10, 1772, Anthony Dyer, of Fox Island, Lincoln Co., Me.

III. EZEKIEL, b. Mch. 1, 1747; drowned young.

IV. DEBORAH, b. Oct. 17, 1748; was mar. by David Fales, Justice of Peace for Lincoln Co., Me., to Stephen Carver, of Fox Island, Dec. 10, 1772.

V. MAREY, b. Oct. 2, 1754; was mar. Apl. 13, 1774, in Trinity Church, Boston, to Thos. Beverage.

VI. ANN, b. Jan'y 12, 1758.

VII. BENJAMIN,[4] b. Nov. 6, 1760.

NATHANIEL,[3] son of John,[2] appears as one of the earliest settlers of Mount Vernon, Me. Luther Sampson, of Marshfield, moved to Readville, Me., and founded the Wesleyan Seminary at Kent's Hill, which was settled by Nath'l Ford, Nath'l Thomas, and Nath'l Kent, of Marshfield, and Kent soon dying it was named in his honor.

ELISHA,[3] son of John;[2] mar. June, 1741, *Susanna Ford*, and both were living in 1786. He was ENSIGN in the Militia; a "mariner" in 1744; a "yeoman" in 1759; he became gentleman in 1767. He resided in Marshfield. During the Revolution he was appointed one of a committee to consider what should be done "in the alarming crisis of affairs." During 1776–77–80–81 he was a selectman of Marshfield. At a meeting held Jan. 19, 1776, he was appointed on the "committee of correspondence." He was certainly a leader in public affairs during the Revolution, as is shown by the records.

List of Y^e Second Regiment of Militia in the County of Plymouth whereof Thomas Clap Esq is Colonel 1762

Marshfield 2^d Company.	*Elisha Kent Ensign*
2^d Company in Pembroke	Edward Thomas Captain

TO THE HONORABLE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY.

The following Remonstrance & Request are most humbly presented by us the Subscribers, Agents, of the committees of Correspondence of the following Towns in the County of Plymouth, Viz

SCITUATE, MARSHFIELD, DUXBOROUGH, PEMBROKE and HANOVER

That upon the *Vacuation of the Town of Boston by the british Troops.* The Town of Marshfield thought fit to post Guards upon the Sea-Shore in Said Town for the purpose of giving Information to their Committee of the arrival or approach of any Vessel, supposed to be inimical, Suspecting Such to be approaching, by frequent Intelligence, and in consequence appointed and directed *Elisha Kent to superintend said Business. he being one of the Committee of Correspondence of sd Town and living nigh said Shore* & to call to his assistance Lemuel Delano & Nathl Ford likewise members of said Committee, and others, his Neighbours, if requisite, which appointment he readily accepted of. And upon the 19th Day of April 1776 the Sloop Sally arrived in the North River, so called, in consequence of which, the said Elisha Kent immediately informed the Chairman of said Committee that such Suspected Vessel had arrived, upon which Intelligence the whole committee assembled & took into their Custody the Said Sloop with her Cargo & Appurtenances, together with the following Torry Refugees Viz. Cornelius White, Commander of said Sloop, Benj^a. Stockbridge, Elisha Ford John Baker, John Tilden, Stephen Tilden, Silvanus White, Warren White, Nathl Gardener, Joseph Young, Ephraim Little, after which proceedure the Committee aforesaid thought fit to desire the Committees of the Neighbouring Towns to act in Consort with them relative to said affair, with which they readily complied & proceeded as follows Viz The Committees of the aforesaid five Towns Viz Scituate, Marshfield, &c met in order to Consider & determine what was proper to be done with the Said sloop, Cargo & Refugees & fully considering the matter, determined to send the said Refugees to Goal & ordered said

Sloop with her cargo &c to be taken into the Custody of a Sub-committee chosen out of the joint Committee aforesd. till the general Assembly of the Colony should otherwise order — and choose a committee to represent the matter to the general Assembly of the Colony who accordingly made a Representation of their Doings to said Assembly — Said Sub-committee as aforesd Viz Elisha Kent Lemuel Delano, and Nathl Ford Capt Wm Clift and Capt Wm. Thomas in the name and by Virtue of their appointment took said Vessel Refugees &c into their Hands, care & keeping as Trustees to the joint-committee aforesd. who appointed them till otherwise ordered The major part of said Sub-committee proving in the opinion of said committee untrustly, at a meeting of the aforesaid committees they ordered Said Vessel, Effects &c into the hands of another Sub committee Viz Capt Wm Clift Samuel Oakman & Capt Seth Hatch, who have the Same in their Hands in Trust, till otherwise ordered as aforesaid — Since which the aforesd. Lemuel Delano, Elisha Kent & others have libelled Said Vessel Cargo & Appurtenances — and said Committee by their Agents have claimed in their Capacity as Committees of Correspondence in trust for Said Colony a Right in Said Vessel and Appurtenances and have Defended the Same thro' a Court of Admirality in which Judgment went against them, thro meer Want of Power to act in Such a public Capacity. But have apealed upon said Judgment being fully Sensible that said Vessel was not captured by Said Delano and others as set forth in said Libel:

But that Cornelius White Master of said Sloop and the said Refugees did voluntarily surrender themselves to the Committee aforesd. and Mercy of their Country-men Therefore we the subscribers Agents choosen by said joint Committee to defend said Action humbly Desire your Honors Order and Direction, relative to Said action, that we may be better enabled to conduct with Propriety And thus as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Marshfield May 30 Anno Domini 1777

Samuel Oakman — Seth Hatch
Joseph Tolman — Benjamin Bass
Peleg Wadsworth

State of ye Massachusetts Bay in the House of Representatives Sept 24-1777.

On the Petition of the Committee of Scituate Marshfield Duxbourough, Pembroke & Hanover. Resolved that Mr. Saml Oakman of Marshfield & Seth Hatch of Pembroke be and they are hereby authorized and impowered to prosecute the claim filed by the Committee of the aforesaid Towns at the next Superiour Court that shall be held within said District and in case there should be a Decre in favour of said Claim said agents are here by Directed to take the articales Contained in the aforesaid Claim in to their custody untill the further order of the General Court

Sent up for Concurrence

R T Paine Spk protemp

In Council Sep 25. 1777 Read & concurred as taken into a New Draft Sent Down for Concurrence

Jno Avery Dy Secy

In the House of Representatives Sept 30. 1777 Read & concurred with an amendment at A Viz at A dele "first" & insert "Second" Sent up for Concurrence

R T Paine Spkr pTemp

In Council Sept 30. 1777 Read & concurred

Jno Avery Dy Secy

Consented to

Jez Powell John Tayor

Colony of the Massachusetts Plimouth Ss

To the Honobl. Nathan Cushing Esq Judge of the court erected to try the justice of the Capture of all Vessells found infesting the sea Coasts of America

&c & brought into either of the counties of Plimouth, Bristol, Barnstable, Nantuckett & Dukes County

Be it remembered that on the eighteenth day of May Seventeen Hundred and Seventy six Lemuel Delano of Marshfield in the Said County of Plimouth Sadler in his proper person as well for himself as for *Elish Kent* yeoman Nathaniel Ford yeoman Ignatius Shirman yeoman, Gersham Sherman mariner, *Charles Kent mariner* Nath[ll] Ford Jun[r] Labourer all of said Marshfield comes into Court and gives the said Court to understand & be Inform[d]. that he the said Lemuel Delano with the said Elisha Nathaniel Ford Sen[r]. Ignatius Gersham, Charles & Nathaniel Ford Jun[r] on the nineteenth day of april last past did on the high seas attach take and bring into the North River So call[d] in Said Marshfield a certain sloop Call[d] the "Sally" of about seventy five Tons burden of which one Cornelius White was then master, which said sloop has been since the nineteenth day of april Anno Domino 1775 improved in supplying the fleet and army employed against the United Colonies & a part of Said Fleet when so taken, and laden with the following articles as her cargo, Viz[t] one case of five bottles, Nine Kitchen chairs, one churn, One Ox yoak, eight Wheel Barrows one Small Trunk, Seventeen Empty Barrells, one Barrell with Some flower, one Jarr, one Jugg, Six Keggs, one Barrell half full of . . . . . (list covers a full page) Seventeen fire-arms, five Bayonets, two cartrige Boxes, one hanger & one sword, Eight Powder horns with powder in them two Baggs of Cells, and the said Lemuel says that the said Sloop Sally her appurtenances and cargo by force of the laws of this Colony & the Resolves & Acts of the Congress in Such Case made & provided are forfeited to the use of the Captors Wherupon as this is a matter properly within the Jurisdiction of this Honourable Court the said Lemuel for himself & the other Libellants afores[d] prays the advizement of this Honourable Court in the premises & that the facts aforesaid may be Inquired of by the Country & the said Sloop "Sally" her appurtenances & cargo may be condemned & disposed of as by the said Colony Laws & acts and Resolves of Congress are in such case made and Provided

Lemuel Delano

True Copy Attest Bartlett LeBaron Reg[r].
(There are 7 pages of Depositions in reference to the above.)

Thomas Tracy of Marshfield, in consideration of £800 paid by *Elisha Kent of Marshfield*, conveyed A farm of upland & meadow in Marshfield containing about 86 acres. Dated, Jan'y 24, A.D. 1743.

Isaac Phillips of Marshfield, mariner, in consideration of £130 paid by *Elisha Kent of Marshfield, mariner*, conveyed salt marsh land in Marshfield a part of that marsh that was Daniel Cole's Grant. Dated, March 13, 1744.

Thomas Eames of Marshfield, yeoman, in consideration of £150 paid by *Elisha Kent*, of Marshfield, conveyed about 3 acres of meadow & swamp land in Marshfield. Dated Feb'y 17, 1747 & 8.

Elisha Kent of Marshfield, yeoman, in consideration of £6. 8s. 11p. paid by Seth Eweil of Marshfield, yeoman, conveyed about 3 acres of land lying in Marshfield & is part of lots no. 58 & 29. bounded by Sherman's Path, land of Seth Ewell. Dated Feb. 17, 17 and[x]

Lusanna Kent wife of Elisha Kent.

Elisha Kent of Marshfield, yeoman, in consideration of £12, 17s. 9p. paid by William Clift of Marshfield, mariner, conveyed land in Marshfield being part of lot 58 in Marshfield Common, & contains about 6 acres, bounded by Sherman's Path, on the South. Dated Feb. 17, 17 and[x] In the 31st. year of his Majesty's Reign. Lusanna Kent wife of Elisha Kent.

Elisha Kent of Marshfield, yeoman, in consideration of £16 paid by Seth Ewell of Marshfield, yeoman, conveyed a piece of land in Marshfield, a part of Lot 58, in 2[d]. division of Marshfield Common lands, containing about 7 acres. Dated April 25–1757 Lusanna or Lucy wife of Elisha —

Elisha Kent of Marshfield in consideration of ten pounds paid by Joseph Perrey of Marshfield, Husbandman, conveyed 3 acres of woodland in Marshfield near Anthony Eames bounded by land of David Thomas, a Way called Sherman's Way. Dated June 12, A.D. 1759.

Lucy Kent wife of Elisha Kent.

Elisha Kent of Marshfield, yeoman, in consideration of £18 paid by David Thomas, Jun. of Marshfield Husbandman, conveyed 6 acres of woodland lying in Marshfield near Anthony Eames, bounded by Sherman's Way. Dated, June 12, 1759. Lucy Kent, wife of Elisha Kent.

Elisha Kent of Marshfield, Gentleman, in consideration of the sum of £26. 6s. 8d. paid by Anthony Thomas of Marshfield, yeoman, conveyed 1½ acres of Salt meadow land lying in Marshfield bounded by marsh formerly owned by Samuel Kent given him by his father Mr. John Kent, late of Marshfield deceased, and marsh set off to the heirs of Benjamin Kent, deceased. This meadow was given to *Elisha Kent by his father John Kent*. Dated March 12, 1764.

Lusanna wife of Elisha Kent.

Cornelius White of Marshfield, Gentleman, & Sarah White, his wife & *Elisha Kent, of Marshfield, Gentleman* & Lusanna Kent, wife of said Elisha, & Nathaniel Foord of Marshfield & Eunice Foord, his wife, in consideration of £5. 10s. paid by William Churchill of Plimpton, yeoman, conveyed all our right, title & interest in the fifth share in Turkey swamp, so called, in Plimpton, said share being about 23 acres, our interest in said share being about 3 acres & 3 quarters. Dated, March 19, A.D. 1767.

Nath[l]. Foord, yeoman, *Elisha Kent*, yeoman, & Lusanna my wife & Cornelius White, yeoman, & Sarah my wife, of Marshfield, heirs & legal representatives of Alice Foord, late wife of Peleg Foord of sd. Marshfield, deceased, in consideration of £21, 6s. paid by William Sturtevant & Geo. Hammond both of Plimpton, yeomen, conveyed all our share of Cedar lying in the Great So. Meadow Cedar Swamp in Plimpton, being a part of the 13th. great lot in said swamp which formerly belonged to Capt. James Warren of Plymouth, deceased & which was divided by Judge of Probate among heirs of sd. James in 1773. The whole of s'd swamp is bounded by land of W[m]. Sever, Esq[r]. & others. Dated, Dec. 1st. A.D. 1774.

Elisha Kent of Marshfield, yeoman, in consideration of £570 paid by *my son William Kent of Marshfield, Mariner*, conveyed three pieces of land lying in Marshfield: the 1st. piece is the farm on which I now live, which I bought of Thos. Tracy Jan. 24. 1743.-4. containing 86 acres, part upland & part meadow. 2[d]. is 5¼ acres of salt meadow which I bought of Isaac Phillips, March 13, 1744. The 3[d]. about 3 acres of meadow & swamp which I bought of Thomas Eames, Feb'y 17, 1747-8. Dated, Oct. 5th A.D. 1785.
Witnessess, *Warren & Lucy Kent*. Lusanna wife of Elisha Kent.

Elisha Kent of Marshfield, yeoman, in consideration of £35 paid by my *son W[m]. Kent*, of Marshfield, mariner, conveyed all that piece of woodland which fell to me from my *Hon[d] father, Mr. John Kent, of Marshfield, deceased*, except what I sold to Ewel Rogers & Clift, & is bounded by land of W[m] Sherman, Thomas & Low, containing 14 acres Dated, May 25, A.D. 1786.

Lusanna wife of Elisha Kent

ELISHA [3] and LUSANNA or SUSANNA *Ford* KENT had children:

I. WILLIAM,[4] b. Oct. 1, 1742.
II. SMITH,[4] b. Oct. 22, 1744.
III. ELISHA,[4] b. Sept. 13, 1746.
IV. PELEG,[4] b. Oct. 4, 1748.

V. LUCY, b. Oct. 5, 1750; living, but unmarried, in 1785.
VI. PHEBE, b. July 5, 1752; d. young.
VII. CHARLES,[4] b. Jan. 7, 1754.
VIII. SARAH, b. Feb. 19, 1756; mar., 1780, Melzar Samson.
IX. NATHANIEL,[4] b. Dec. 25, 1760.
X. WARREN,[4] b. Dec. 20, 1764.
XI. SUSANNA, bapt. May 11, 1766.
XII. ALICE, b. April 22, 1766.

JOSEPH,[3] son of John,[2] was a "yeoman" of Marshfield and at one time a "mariner." Mar. Feb. 28, 1743, *Lydia Thomas.* She d. April 9, 1810, aged 89. CAPT. Joseph Kent d. Jan. 1, 1801, aged 83 years and 10 days. Both are buried in Winslow Burial Ground, Marshfield.

Joseph Kent, of Marshfield, yeoman, in consideration of £92, 6s. 8d. paid by Anthony Thomas, of Marshfield, yeoman, conveyed all that my *hon*[d]. *father John Kent, of Marshfield*, deceased, all the upland, 14 acres, bounded by land of Deacon Waterman, Kenelm Winslow, Esq. & *Hannah Kent.*

Dated, March 7, A.D. 1763.

A division of property between the children of John Thomas, late of Marshfield, yeoman, deceased, *Lydia wife of Joseph Kent*, being one of said children. Dated April 16, 1771.

Anthony Thomas of Marshfield, Gentleman, John Thomas of Kingston, Esq. James Bradford of Plainfield, Co. of Windham, yeoman, & Zerviah his wife *Joseph Kent of Marshfield, mariner, & Lydia his wife* (in right of his said wife Lydia) Jeremiah Kinsman, yeoman, & Sarah his wife, the said Anthony, John Zerviah, Lydia & Sarah being all the children & heirs of John Thomas late of said Marshfield, yeoman, deceased, agreed to make division of their lands.

Dated, April 16 — A.D. 1771.

Joseph Kent of Marshfield, yeoman & Lydia Kent his wife in consideration of £95 paid by our son *John Kent*, & *Nath'l Kent* of Marshfield, Mariner, conveyed ¼ part of farm whereon we now dwell, upland swamp & salt marsh, with buildings thereon, being homestead farm lately *owned by John Thomas ¼ of which fell to s'd Lydia Kent by heirship to the s'd Thomas estate.* Dated, July 9 A.D. 1780.

Joseph Kent of Marshfield, yeoman, in consideration of £14.12s.3d paid by *my son Nath'l. Kent* of Marshfield, Mariner, conveyed land in Marshfield that *I purchased at the Vendue of the Confiscated estate of Nath'l. Ray Thomas an Absentee.* Lot no. 9 containing 25 acres 1 quarter & 27 rods & bounded by land of Dr. Isaac Winslow & others. Dated July 9, A.D. 1785.

IN COUNCIL JUNE 10 1780
ON THE PETITION OF HANNAH THOMAS OF KINGSTON.

Widdow. Executrix of John Thomas late of Kingston, Esq'r. deceased praying that the Judgment obtained in one action on the Case, for two hundred ninety four pounds, twelve shillings and six pence brought against her in her said Capacity at the Inferior Court held at Plymouth in December last, and also that the Judgment on another action brought against *Joseph Kent of Marshfield.* Tenant to her Testator for Six young Creatures obtained by John Thomas of Plimouth at the Same Court may be set aside and a new tryal ordered thereon — for reasons set forth in her petition

Resolved, that the above described Judgments be and they hereby are reversed and rendered null and void, and that a new Tryal be had on the above described

Cases, at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plymouth for the County of Plymouth on the first Tuesday of July next, and that the Justices of the same court are hereby impowered and directed to hear and determine the same as though the same causes were regularly depending in the said Court for Judgment, and that no depreciation shall be allowed in Considering the damages to be given on either of the said actions any law respecting Depreciations notwithstanding: the said Hannah to serve the said John Thomas with an attested Copy of this Resolve ten days before the setting of the said Court at Plimouth
In the House of Representatives Read and concurred
Consented to by fifteen of the Council

JOSEPH[3] and LYDIA *Thomas* KENT had children:

I. ANN, b. Oct. 28, 1744; d. young.
II. THOMAS, b. Oct. 13, 1746, a "mariner," who was lost at sea in 1771.

Pembroke, June 3. 1776 Joseph Kent of Marshfield was appointed administrator of the estate of *Thomas Kent* late of Marshfield, mariner, deceased, by Wm Sever. Bond £300 — Sureties Benjamin White and Job Crooker both of Marshfield.

III. LYDIA, b. 1751; mar. Dr. Burnham, of Norwich, Conn.
IV. JOHN,[4] b. 1756.
V. NATHANIEL,[4] b. 1760.
VI. ABIGAIL, b. Dec. 22, 1763; mar. Asa Weston.
VII. ELIZABETH, b. May, 1767; d. June, 1856.

JOSHUA,[3] son of Joshua,[2] was mar. July 28, 1721, by Rev. John Webb, to *Rachel Harley*.

They had chil., bapt. in 1st Church, Boston:

I. JOSHUA,[4] bapt. Nov. 10, 1723. (SARAH, dau. of one Joshua Kent, was bapt. June 2, 1723, 2d Church, Boston.)
II. MARGARET, bapt. Jan. 31, 1724–5; was mar. by Rev. Timothy Cutler, D.D., Oct. 27, 1748, to William Attenborow, of Boston.
III. AGNES, bapt. May 15, 1726.
IV. MARY, bapt. Apl. 7, 1728.
V. JOHN,[4] bapt. July 29, 1734.
VI. RACHEL, bapt. Nov. 9, 1735.
VII. JANE, bapt. July 13, 1740; was mar. in Christ Church, Boston, July 23, 1764, to Jonathan Wheeler.

In 1789 Mary Saunders, widow, of Boston, and in 1791 Richard Saunders, shoemaker, of Newtowne, Mass., conveyed 2 one-ninth portions of property situated in the West End of Boston, which they inherited from one Joshua Kent.

JOHN,[3] son of Joshua,[2] was b. 1700. The same year the "American Ancestry" states that John Kent of "Cape Anne,"

"mariner," who mar. a Miss Godfrey, was b., and who d. there in 1780. The only other John not identified at this date is the following:

IN THE MASS. MUSTER AND PAY ROLLS.

Jonathan Kent appears in a List of Men mustered in Suffolk County to Serve in Capt Sumner's Co., Col. Greaton's Regt., by a return made by Nathl. Barber, M.M. *Boston* Feby 16. 1777. Residence & Term of enlistment "not given."

Jonathan Kent appears with grade of Private on A Depreciation Roll of Col. John Greaton's Regt. to make good the depreciation of wages for the first three years' Service in the Continental Army from 1777 to 1780 — Reported Deserted, Soldiers Orders, etc.

Jonathan Kent appears with grade of . . . on A Muster Return of Capt. Job Sumner's Co., Col. John Greaton's (2^d) Regt., Mustered by Col. Barber — Reported Deserted — "no further facts given."

STEPHEN,[3] son of Joseph,[2] was mar. in Boston by Rev. Thos. Cheever, Feb. 4, 1735, to *Elizabeth Hasey*. At this time he was a resident of Rumney Marsh, later called North Chelsea, Mass., being a member of Rev. Thos. Cheever's church, and some of his children are buried there. About 1750 he moved to Grove Hall, West Roxbury, Mass., where he kept an inn on the estate now occupied by a consumptives' home. He belonged to the 1st Church of Rox., and some of his family are buried at "Peter's Hill." The year of his death, 1767, he deeds land. His wife succeeded him as innholder — as late as Feb. 2, 1781. There was a Jacob Hasey Kent christened in Trinity Church, Boston.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF BOSTON

Gentlemen — We the Subscribers Desire You would Insert in your Warrant for Calling a Town-meeting in March Next, Viz to See
if the Town will be willing to Give to that Division Called Rumney marsh, their just share and Proportion of ye Revenues belonging to ye Town, or

2d If they will Refund what they have Rec'd more than have been Expended for their Especial Use and Service for thirty Years last Past, In Order for their Supporting their own Publick Charges and then if the Town Will Sett them off therefore Jan'y ye 31st 1734. 5

STEPHEN KENT et al.

To his Excellency Jonathan Belcher. Esq. captain general and governor in chief in and over his Majesties Province of the Massachusetts bay. The honorable, His Majesty's council and the Honorable House of Representatives. in general Court assembled at Boston May 31–AD. 1738 The Petition of the subscribers inhabitants of the district of Rumney Marsh in the township of Boston, Known and called by the Number Thirteen

[A long petition asking to be set off from the Town of Boston.]

STEPHEN KENT.

"The Grove Hall Mansion, built in the year 1800, and for many years the residence of Thomas Kilby Jones, a Boston merchant, was remodelled a few years since, and is now known as the 'Consumptives' Home.' Situated at the intersection of Washington street and Blue Hill, formerly Grove Hall, avenue, it occupies a conspicuous and sightly position and is surrounded with ample grounds. The estate of ten acres, originally the homestead of Samuel Kayson, was owned

by John Goddard early in the last century. It was afterwards the site of *Stephen Kent's* tavern, which after his death, in 1767, was kept for more than thirty years by his widow."

Court Records Jany 18. 1763

A petition of STEPHEN KENT setting forth, that he hath lately hired a House in Roxbury which hath for many years been occupied as a Tavern and was not long since improved as such by one Goddard: that the selectmen of Roxbury have approved of him as an Innholder, and Praying that the Court of general Sessions of the Peace for the County of Suffolk, may be impowered at their present session to grant him a License for that purpose

In the House of Representatives. Read and ordered That the Justices of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Suffolk be impowered to grant the Petitioner a License (if they see cause) to keep Tavern in the House mentioned. Provided the Petitioner obtain the approbation of the selectmen of Roxbury for that service

In Council. Read & Concurred Consented to by the Governor

STEPHEN[3] and ELIZABETH HASEY KENT had children:

I. REBECKAH, b. and d. Mch. 26, 1734 (?).
II. ELIZABETH, bapt. Mch. 21, 1735–6; d. young.
III. ELIZABETH, b. Mch. 20, 1737.
IV. ABIGAIL, b. Nov. 12, 1738.
V. STEPHEN, bapt. May 4, 1740; d. Apl. 16, 1760, aged 20.
VI. JACOB, bapt. Jany. 17, 1741–2; d. June 17, 1742, 5 mos. 5 ds.
VII. BENJAMIN, bapt. Apl. 29, 1743–4; d. Mch. 3, 1747, aged 4.
VIII. CLARISSA, bapt. July 13, 1746; d. Feb. 28, 1747.

"Their Great Debt soon Paid and Blessed be the Name of God the kind Creditor, Amen"

IX. REBECCA, bapt. Aug. 5, 1753; "dau. of Stephen and Sarah."
X. MARY, b. Jany. 8; bapt. 13, 1760.

BENJAMIN,[3] son of Joseph,[2] grad. *Harvard Coll. 1727;* prepared for the ministry, and in 1731 was chaplain of the garrison at Fort George, Brunswick.

June 18. 1731 A Petition of Cpt Benjamin Larrabee Commander of His Majesty's Fort George at Brunswick. Praying for an allowance out of the publick Treasury to *Mr. Benjamin Kent* who has preached for some Considerable time at Brunswick & officiated as Chaplain to the Garrison there

In the House of Represent^ves Read & ordered that the sum of Twenty Pounds be allowed & paid out of the publick Treasury to the memorialist, to be applied to & for the Support of a Chaplain for the Garrison & Inhabitants of Brunswick the year Currant, and that the Chaplain be subsisted out of the Province Stores

In Council, Read & Concur'd. — Consented to J Belcher.

He was installed as pastor of the Congregational Church, Marlborough, Mass., Oct. 27, 1733, succeeding Robert Breck. The town records refer to his dismission, Feb. 4, 1735, as follows:

"The Town granted a salary of one hundred and eighty pounds per annum in passable bills of public credit, if he shall see cause to accept of the care given him by the Church and Town, and to Continue so long as he shall be their minister and to rise and fall according to Silver, which is now current at twenty shillings an ounce. For settlement he was allowed four hundred pounds. There seem to have been some marked defects in his ministerial qualities which soon resulted in his dismission. Under the date of Oct., 1733, there is the following reference to him in the Records of the Marlborough Association, which met that day at Framingham:

"'The Rev. Mr Smith had invited the Southern Association (. . .) by which means we had the benefit of their advice and assistance in the difficulty before us relating to *Mr Benjamin Kent*, ordained at Marlborough; — great complaint being made about the world, of his principals. Mr Kent was present, and very freely Submitted himself to our inquiries and examination, Mr. Loring' &c., &c.

"The Church Records also show that there was great dissatisfaction with his course among some of his church and congregation. Scarcely had he been settled when Benjamin Wood, who seems to be a prominent member of the society, brings some grave charges against him. He calls him a 'profest Arminian' and says that his want of orthodoxy has made a 'great noise almost over all of the Province,' that the 'nearest neighboring Ministers refused to assist in his ordination,' and also charges him with contradictory statements. The opposition to him increased and kept the church in commotion during the entire year 1734; and at length a council was called, Feb. 4, 1735, to investigate the matter, and give their advice. The result of that council has fortunately just been recovered, and is full of important information. It appears from this document that, in the estimation of the council, the charges of being a 'profest Arminian,' of 'profane and Scandalous conversation,' were fully sustained, &c., &c., &c.

"The council judged and advised that the *Rev. Mr. Benj. Kent* be suspended from preaching the word or administering the holy sacraments until the 27th of May next, &c., &c. Mr. Kent's ministry probably closed with the decision of this council. No record now remains that he ever retracted his errors, or was ever again restored to his regular standing as a minister of the gospel. He probably withdrew at once, leaving the church as we know in a divided state. An action was brought against the town to recover the sum of £400, which was voted to him as a 'Settlement,' and the case, after a prolonged litigation, was finally decided in his favor."

He was not succeeded until June 11, 1740, when Rev. Aaron Smith, of Marlborough, was ordained on a salary of £80 a year.

Benj. Kent was a humorist, not sufficiently reverent of things divine to please his straight-faced contemporaries. He was full of fun, drollery, humor, and had an unmethodical, irregular head, but his thoughts were good and expressions happy. After leaving the ministry he studied for the bar, where he became celebrated for his "eccentricity and wit." During the years 1757–67 he practised in Worcester County, but he became famous in Boston, where he was a leader among men, — a contemporary of Hancock, Adams, Franklin, and Otis, — and he was Att'y General of Massachusetts. The following copies of documents show his work:

Septr. 4. 1747 On the Petition of Samuel Burnett Enter'd Augst 31. 1747. In Council read again together with the answer of Benjamin Kent attorney to the

within named Joseph Gunnison & Elizabeth Ruby and the matter being fully Consider'd Ordered that the Prayer of the Petition be so far granted, as that the Petitioner (upon his paying Costs hitherto Sustained) be allowed to enter the action of accompt at the superior Court now sitting: and that the Justices of the said Court be & hereby are impowered to hear & try the said Cause, enter up Judgment & award execution accordingly

In the House of Represent^ves. Read & Concur'd — Consented to.

In 1747 Benjamin Kent, gentleman, att'y to *David Kent*, cooper, rec'd money from Jos. Kent of Charlestown, yeoman, for Davids' dwelling house on Ship St., Boston.

At one time Mr. Kent was retained as attorney for Rev. Sam'l Veazie, of Duxbury, Mass., who wished to go to law to obtain his salary.

May it please The Govern^r.

I Sued Lord to this Jan^ry Court for Antonio the portugeeze wages on a —— for the Time he Served Lord & I have full proof that Antonio was Stolen and that Lord knew it But last night I had orders from your Excell^cys Councill to drop the action. Antonio's Countryman Cheveir has expended diverse Sums upon him and Lord has given no writing whereby Antonio is discharged from him and Antonio has no money nor can he get any for him We for to recompence his Countryman. Your Excell^cys Directions in the Matter shall be strictly follow'd by your Most humble & Obedient Servant

Boston Jan^ry 1st 1754 Benj Kent

Benj Kent Jon^a Kent on a Petition dated Boston Dec 1. 1755 from Sundry Gentlemen Merchants & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston Complaining that the Town of Boston has borne too great a proportion of the public taxes & other grivences praying that the proportion be Lessened —

Benj Kente Signed to a petition of "149 Boston Merchants and others," dated Dec. 18, 1760, against new location of Leverett's Lane across Water Street through James Dalton's land.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Boston legally qualified and warned in public Town Meeting assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 12th day of March Anno Dom 1764 . . . . . Upon consideration of that Clause in the Warrant (Vizt); Whether any Measure shall be taken to prevent Strangers coming into Town or any of the Inhabitants to be Inoculated after a certain time allowed for that purpose, Voted that . . . . . *Benjamin Kent Esq* be and hereby are appointed a Committee to consider of this Matter, and Report as Soon as may be —

December 18, 1765, at a meeting held "opposite Liberty Tree" in Boston, "the town appointed a committee, consisting of *Samuel Adams*, *John Rowe*, *Thomas Cushing*, *John Hancock*, *John Ruddock*, *Samuel Sewell*, *Joshua Henshaw* and *Benjamin Kent*, with authority to employ *Jeremy Gridley*, *James Otis* and *John Adams* as Counsel to request Gov. Bernard to cause the Courts of law to be opened again for public business." (Vol. xxiii. Hist. & Geneal. Reg. p. 107.)

Oct 9. 1767. M^r. Edward Payne, *Benjamin Kent, Esq.*, Thomas Dowse, Esq., Melatiah Bourne, Esq., Jonathan Williams, Esq., M^r. John Boylston, and Col. John Hill, were a Committee "to take measures to make the entrance into Town near the Fortifications more respectable."

June 14, 1768. ["officers of the Customs mobbed"]

A Committee of twenty-one gentlemen were appointed to wait upon his Excellency with the address. Among the names appears *Benj. Kent.*

(1768)

When the Ministry became advised concerning the Riots which followed the Seizure of the sloop Liberty, they gave orders for two regiments to sail for Boston from Ireland. Although what was intended to be brought about by Governor Bernard was kept secret, Yet the Town had good reason to believe that troops were at hand. Therefore a Town-meeting was summoned, which met on the 12th of September, of which, as usual, Mr Otis was Moderator. At this meeting the following record was made: "Whereas it hath been reported in this Town-meeting, that his Excellency the Governor has intimated his apprehensions, that one or more regiments of his Majesty's troops are daily expected to be here, Voted, that the *Hon Thomas Cushing, Richard Dana, Samuel Adams, Dr. Joseph Warren, John Rowe, John Hancock,* and *Benjamin Kent, Esquires*, be a Committee to wait upon the Governor, if in Town, humbly requesting that he would be pleased to communicate to the Town the grounds and assurances he may have thereof."

North End Caucus

At a meeting of the Caucus, North End, Boston, held at Mr William Campbell's March 23d 1772 The Members were . . . *Benj Kent* et al.

November 2d 1773. At a meeting of the Caucus held at the GREEN DRAGON. Voted — That a committee be chosen to wait upon the Committee of Correspondence of this town and desire their attendance here Committee *B Kent*, E Proctor, and G. Johonnot.

Court Records Feby 16. 1774.

A Petition of Timothy Richardson and other Inhabitants of the Town of Royalston in the County of Worcester. Praying for a Tax on the Land of the Non-resident Proprietors in the said town, as entered the 17 day of June last

In Council Read again with the answer of John Chandler & *Benjamin Kent* and ordered that Walter Spooner Esq with such as the Honbl house shall join be a committee to Consider the same and report.

PROVINCE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY }

To his Excellency Thomas Hutchinson Esquire Captain General & Governor in Chief in and over the Same Province. The honorable his Majesty's Council and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled

Humbly Sheweth

Benjamin Kent Esqr John Head & Joseph Peirce Merchants all of Boston Executors of the *last will* and *Testament of Jane Eustis late* of *said Boston Widow, Deceased*

That the said *Jane Eustis* died Seized in fee Simple by Deed of Mortgage from Benoni Danks of Cumberland Province of Nova Scotia Esqr of the several Tracks and Parcells of Land hereafter described, situate, lying and being in Northampton in this Province, That is to say a Certain piece of Land in Hogg's Bladder, bounded Easterly by the great River — Northerly by Jonathan Claps Land. Westerly by Munhan River — Southerly by Land which was lately Ebenezer Ferry's about five acres in quantity. also the Easterly part of that Lot in the little division bounded Easterly by the meadow fence & Westerly partly by Land owned by Samuel Mather Esqr. and partly by Land owned by Mr Gedeon Clark originally laid out & Recorded to William Miller Also the Easterly part of these several original Lotts in the same little divisions following to wit the thirty first — the thirty Second — thirty third, thirty fourth and thirty sixth Carrying the whole breadth of all the said lotts from the Easterly end of them as far Westward as to the said Gideon Clarks Land in the Same original Lotts and all the houses and buildings Standing on the said Lotts or any of them. also one moity in Common of the whole Thirty fifth Original Lott in the said Little Division, also the Southerly part of the home Lott at Nashawonuck, which

formerly belonged to the Father of the said Benoni Danks the Grantor, bounded northerly by that part thereof which is owned by David Sacket — Easterly by the Pond — Southerly by the old Landing place — Westerly by the meadow Fence with the Dwelling house thereon and the Easterly half of a Barn Standing thereon Also a piece of Land in Nashawonuck Meadow about twelve acres bounded North Westerly by the little division South Westerly by Ephraim Danks's Land, South Easterly by Munhan River, and North Easterly by Ladack Danks's Land all which Land and Tenements *were by the Said Jane Eustis devised in fee simple in her last Will to Sarah Kent a minor and daughter of the said Benj^a. Kent* aforenamed

Your Petitioners would further Represent to your Excellency and Honors that the aforesaid Lands and Tenements are in so ruinous a Situation as to afford scarce any Interest or Profit and must very soon sink greatly in Value to the said Minor unless they are Sold to such persons as can take an immediate and effectual Care and Charge thereof — That there is now an opportunity of selling the same Lands & Tenements for as much money as they are, or perhaps ever will be worth, and that to on branch of the Family they originally belonged to Your Petitioners Executors as aforesaid therefore humbly pray your Excellency and Honors to impower them in their said Capacity to sell the same Lands and Tenements for the most they will fetch, and to make and execute good and sufficient Deed or Deeds thereof to pass and Convey the same Lands and Tenements for the sole Use & Benefit of the Said Minor to the Purchaser or Purchasers, they the Said Executors their Heirs, Executors and Administrators to be accountable to the Said *Sarah Kent* her Executors Administrators or Assigns according to the Devise & true intent and meaning of the said last Will of the said *Jane Eustis* for the Proceeds of the same Lands & Tenements when sold and as in duty bound will ever pray

Benj Kent.
Jno Head
Joseph Peirce

In the House of Representatives March 2. 1774
On the Petition of Benj^a Kent & others

Resolved that the Prayer of the petition be granted and that the Petitioners be and they are impowered to make sale of the Real Estate in the Petition mentioned for the most the same will fetch and make & Execute a good Deed or Deeds of the same to the Purchaser or Purchasers they observing the directions of the Law for the sale of Real Estate by Executors & administrators and giving sufficient Caution to the Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk that the proceeds of such sale be paid to Sarah Kent the minor in the Petition Named at such time or times as ye said Real Estate would have come into her hands had the same not been Sold. — Sent up for Concurrence T Cushing Spk^r

In council Mar 2^d. 1774 Read & Concurred.
Jno. Cotton DSecry

Consented to T. Hutchinson

Jane Eustis' will, recorded in Boston, Vol. 70, shows she was a widow, a shop-keeper. After making numerous legacies, she leaves the residue of her property to *Sarah daughter of Benjamin Kent Esq*

"On examining the tomb stones in the Church yard (at Kensington, Eng.) was found the following erected to Mrs. Eustis:

"'*Here lyeth the Body of Mr^s. Jane Eustis late of Boston, New England, who departed this life 21 Jan 1771. aged 48 years She was Good*'"

The above from "Edward Oxnard's Journal."

May 9th. 1774 At a Meeting at the *Green Dragon* Voted. That a Committee be chosen to instruct their Representatives Voted — That *Drs Young* and *Warren*, *Benj Kent*, *John Adams*, *Jos. Greenleaf* and *James Lovell* shall be chosen a Committee for this business.

Court Records June. 5. 1776

A Memorial of *Benja. Kent* and others — a Committee chosen by and appearing in behalf of the Town of Boston — asking that the Hon^l. Court would re-consider their vote in reference to Sinking Hulks in the harbor of Boston and asking that orders be given to suspend the sinking of Hulks.

Read and Assigned to Tuesday next.

"*Record of the Boston Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety May to Nov 1776* —"

1776 Aug 15 *Benjamin Kent Esq* and a large Number of the Inhabitants of this Town, appeared and pray'd in behalf of themselves and others, that Capt Holmes might not be permitted to depart from hence to the West Indies, till a representation was made to the Honourable the Council, of the danger not only a number of Individuals, Owners of Privateers about sayling but the States of America would be exposed to, by said Holmes being suffered to leave this Place at such a time as the present, The application of the foregoing Gentlemen having been Considered, it was Voted, that Mayor Procter be appointed to see that Capt Holmes Sails be immediately unbent and lodged with Thomas & Kemble Sailmakers till the further Order of the Committee —

State of Massachusetts Bay

To the Honble the Council and House of Representatives of the State afores^d in Gen^r Court at Boston Assembled November ye 27th AD 1777

The Memorial of *Benjamin Kent of Boston in the County of Suffolk Esq* — Humbly Sheweth that at a late Session of the great & Gen^rl Court on his Petition for an allowance for *his late services as Attorney General* in the County of Suffolk he has received thirty pounds money and on his other petition to the Court of General Sessions of the peace at Boston, last October that Court were of the opinion which is particularly Set forth by the Clerk of the peace for said County indors^d on the back of the paper hereunto annexed which he prays may be inspected by your Honours — Whereupon your Memor^st humbly presumes to desire yours Hon^rs to impower the Justices of the Court of Gen^rl Sessions of the peace to be holden at Boston in & for the County of Suffolk on the first Tuesday of next January to give an order in his favor upon the Treasurer of the County of Suffolk for the sum of Seventy pounds money (Thirty pounds part of the hundred having been paid as afores^d) or for such other Sum as the Justices of the Same Court shall Judge your Petitioner further deserves to have for his Service afores^d and as in duty bound &c your most Obedient

hum servant
Benj Kent

State of Massachusetts Bay New England

To the Hon^bls the Justices of the Court of General Sessions of the peace holden at Boston in & for the County of Suffolk on the first Tuesday of October AD 1777

The Petition of *Benjamin Kent* of Boston in S^d County Esq Humbly Sheweth — That at the special request of the Hon^bl. The Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Suffolk, *he has officiated as Attorney General in the s^d. Court from the month of April AD 1776 to the month of October AD 1777* Including the Same Courts in Said months and he has petitioned the great & General Court for a reasonable allowance for his Service afores^d (including his Service in that Capacity at the Superiour Court of Judicature) and the Committee of the House of Representatives reported, that one hundred pounds money was a sum reasonably deserv'd by the S^d Benjamin, but Some Gen^tn of the House thought the General Court ought not to pay for the pet^rs Service at the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, but the Generall Court allow'd your Petitioner Thirty pounds for his Service at the superiour Court of Judicature &c & no more

Wherefore your Petitioner prays your Hon^rs would give him an order upon the County Treasurer for such further Sum, for his Service afores^d as your Hon^rs Shall Judge reasonable & as in duty bound &c

Benj:^a Kent

Suffolk SS.

At a Court of General Sessions of the Peace held at Boston in and for said County of the first Tuesday of October A°. D^i 1777

This Petition being Read. The Court are of opinion that the Petitioner ought to be allowed a reasonable Sum for his Services as mentioned in this Petition, but that they are not impowered by Law to make such allowance out of the County Treasury

Att^t Ezek^l Price Cler

Court Records Oct 11 1777

In the House of Representatives — On the Petition of Benjamin Kent Esq. Praying allowance for his services as Attorney-General for this State from April One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy six to July One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy-seven — inclusive.

Resolved. That there be *allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this State Thirty Pounds — Lawful Money to Benjamin Kent Esq* in full for his services as Attorney-General. During the above period

In Council read and Concurred

Consented to by fifteen of the Council

DEC^BR 8TH 1777 STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY

To the Honble. the Councill of the state aforesd

The humble Petition of *Benjn Kent* of Boston in the County of Suffolk Esq: is this viz. That your Hon^rs would grant liberty for his *oldest Daughter Elizabeth Kent to go to Newport in the State of Rhode Island to see her Sister, who has been absent from the family above three years*, her design is to come back again as soon as possible, and to bring her Sister with her to their Father's House which she promises herself & Parents that she Shall effect, if your Hon^rs. will Kindly grant the Pet^n afores^d and the favour will always be acknowledged by your most hum^b. Servant

BENJ: KENT

In Council Dec 9. 1777 Read & ordered That the Prayer of said Petition be granted and that *Miss Eliz^b Kent* be & She hereby is permitted to depart this State for Newport in the state of R^de Island to see her *Sister who has lately arrived there from Great Britain & to return with her said Sister to this State Provided the Honble. Major Genl. Spencer indulges her with a Flag for Said Purpose She engageing to carry no Papers or Letters detrimental to this or any other of the United States*

Jno Avery D^y Sec'y

In 1778 Benj. Kent deeds property in Boston.

Court Records May 3 1780

In the House of Representatives

Resolved that the Committee of Sequestration be and hereby they are directed to deliver to *Benjamin Kent* the possession of the Messuage, now occupied by said Benjamin, as said Committee took possession of said House as the right of *Sampson Salter Blowers an absentee*, and it appears to be the Estate of *Sarah Blowers, wife of said Sampson*, independent of her Husband, and said *Sarah Daughter* to *said Benjamin* did for the Consideration of five pounds per annum, Demise, Farm and let the said Messuage for twenty years to said Benjamin when lawfull attorney to her Husband in his absence.

In Council read and Concurred

Consented to by fifteen of the Council

At a merry dinner of the brethren of the Bar we find *Kent*, doubtless with a very excellent satire for those times, presenting a project for an *Act of Parliament against Devils*.

His theory of life and religion was that this existence was only one — and perhaps not the first one — of an unending series of periods of probation, and so of advancement. This was too original and devoid of Biblical authority to please the Bostonians of that day. When the troubles between the Colonies and the mother country came to a head, Kent went to Halifax, thereby giving currency to the opinion that he was a Loyalist refugee, though there seems some reason to doubt the propriety of thus ranking him.

To the Honble the Senate and the Honble the House of the Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts 1782.

Humbly sheweth

BENJAMIN KENT OF BOSTON, that his *eldest Daughter Elizbeth Kent* obtained Permission from a former Genl Court to visit *her Sister, who resides in the City of New York* — and it is a fact well known to all her acquaintances, *that the motive which induced her to Solicit that Permission was to be with this Sister*, to whom she has a strong & an affectionate attachment and *not from any Disaffection to the Country which gave her Birth.*

By recent Information from New York your Memorialist learns that *his said Daughter is in a very ill Habit of Body, and has Just Reason to fear, that the ensueing Sultry Season will be fatal to her*, unless your Honors will permit her to return into this Commonwealth, where the Difference of air and Climate may probably Contribute greatly to her Recovery

Your Memorialist will esteem this Indulgence in your Honors as a Singular Favor, and as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c

BENJAMIN KENT

Boston Town Records 1778-83

Benjamin Kent Esq chosen Moderator Pro Tem of the adjourned Town Meeting Fryday March 27th 1778 in place of Hon. John Hancock Esq by Hand Vote.

Meeting of Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Town of Boston 4th. day of Dec. 1782 Benjamin Kent Esq chosen Moderator.

Benjamin Kent Esq Moderator of adjourned meeting Dec 11th 1782 not being present another Moderator was chosen Pro Temp

Benjamin Kent Esq in the chair at adjourned Meeting Dec 18th. (Wednesday) 1782

Benjamin Kent Esq in the Chair at adjourned meeting 8th. day of Jan. 1783

13th. day of Jan 1783 moved and Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be & hereby are given to Benjamin Kent Esq Moderator for his good services in the Despatch given to the Business of the Meeting.

Benjamin Kent Esq. chosen Moderator of this meeting Tuesday June 3rd. 1783 in place of Hon. Samuel Adams Esq the Moderator.

He was not present at adjourned meeting same day & another moderator was chosen.

1785, Benj. Kent, Esq., Halifax, gives property in trust for his wife Elizabeth and daughters Elizabeth and Sarah, and his

son Benjamin if living, the property being located on north side of Town House in Boston.

Feby 1–1785

In the House of Representatives — On the petition of Ezekiel Kendall Setting forth, that Benjamin Kent and others hath obtained an erroneous Judgment against him, Resolved that the petitioner serve the said *Benjamin Kent* and others with a copy of his petition and this resolve, fourteen days before the second Wednesday of next Sitting of the General Court, that the said Benjamin Kent & others may appear on the same day, and shew Cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and all process on the said Judgment shall be stayed in the meantime

In Senate Read & Concurred

Benjamin's son-in-law, Sampson Salter Blowers, was probably instrumental in effecting Mr. Kent's removal to Nova Scotia. Judge Blowers was engaged with Adams and Quincy in the defence of Capt. Preston, in the Boston Massacre trial, being a Loyalist. In 1801 he was Chief Justice of Nova Scotia. In 1784 he was residing in New York City with his wife, and through his attorney and "good friend," Samuel Danforth, M.D., of Boston, sold to Elisha Sigourney for "gold and silver" his dwelling house and land in Boston, situated on Southack's court, and bordering on lands owned by *John Winthrop, Capt. John Phillips, and His Excellency John Hancock.* As late as 1818 he joins with his wife and Elizabeth Kent in a paper as stockholders in Bank of U.S., Boston.

Copy of Letter from

S. S. Blowers to Ward Chipman New Brunswick's first Attorney General:

Halifax Jany 1785

My dear Chipman

You will have heard before this reaches you that Gov. Parr has made me Attorney General here. I am now in the full execution of the office. The warrant has not arrived but I have letters from Sir William Parr acquainting me that Mr. N. was to write me at once. Nothing is said respecting my successor in New Brunswick. Present my compliments to Mr. O'Dell; let me be remembered to the Chief Justice and his brethren. Write me often and believe me always truly yours. The ladies, with me, desire compliments

S. S. Blowers

Ward Chipman Esq.

"Showing Kent family was living with the Blowers"

Inscription on Tomb, St. Paul's Church, Halifax, N.S.

In memory of the Honorable Sampson Salter Blowers for five and thirty years president of H.M. Council and *Chief Justice of Nova Scotia.* A learned, careful and impartial judge — an able and faithful servant of the crown and a true friend to this province. Of a strong and discriminating mind and sound judgment. Amiable and benevolent in manners and disposition exemplary in conduct and of the strictest integrity. After a long career of labour and usefulness, honoured and esteemed by all he resigned his office and passed the decline of life in peaceful retirement, and died on the 25th. of October A.D. 1842 at the age of one Hundred years.

SAMPSON SALTER BLOWERS *graduated in 1763 at Harvard* with Jonathan Bliss. They studied law together in the office of Lieut. Gov. Hutchinson. At the evacuation of Boston, 1776, he went to England and after a time to New York, and from there in 1783 to Halifax. Chief Justice Blowers left all his wealth to William Blowers Bliss, second son of Chief Justice Jonathan Bliss of New Brunswick.

Judge Bliss of Nova Scotia died about 10 years ago.

Mch. 22, 1897.

Judge S. S. Blowers d. 1842 — 100 years old.

HON. BENJ. KENT, who was a friend of *Benj. Franklin*, was in Halifax prior to 1785. He is buried with his wife in a tomb in the old graveyard opposite the Government House at Halifax, N.S. The inscription reads as follows:

"Sacred to the memory of *Benjamin Kent late of Boston, New England, barrister-at-law*, who died on the 22nd day of October 1788 in the 81st of his age; and *also his wife*, who departed this life on the 2nd day of August 1802, in the 80th year of her age."

His widow, Elizabeth, bought, in 1796, of Thomas Oxnard, merchant, and Edward of Portland, land near the Town House in Boston. She also joined with Judge Blowers and wife and Eliz. Kent, the same year, in a deed of sale of property, viz.: "*brick dwelling house and land on North side of State St. 'Boston' formerly called King St. in which they formally lived*," by the north end of the Town or Court House.

BENJAMIN[3] and his wife ELIZABETH, dau. of JACOB HASSEY, had children:

I. ELIZABETH, b. Jan'y 6, 1745; bapt. in the West Church, Jan'y 13, 1745; never mar.; buried with her parents at Halifax, where she was still living in 1818.

II. ANN, b. Aug. 7, bapt. 9, 1747 (one Ann Kent was buried from Trinity Church, Boston, Sept. 7, 1782, aged 32).

III. BENJAMIN,[4] b. May 14, 1751; whereabouts later unknown to his family.

IV. SARAH, b. May 19, bapt. 27, 1758; mar. Apl. 5, 1774, Sampson Salter Blowers, Esq., a loyalist, whose history is given above, and went to England, returning to Newport, R.I., in 1777. In 1782, when a resident of New York City, she was taken very ill, and her father asked that she be allowed to return to Mass., as appears heretofore. It may have been a refusal of this petition that decided her father *Benjamin* to take up his residence in Windsor, and then Halifax, Nova Scotia, with Judge Blowers. She is buried with her husband

in Camp Hill Cemetery, Halifax. On his tomb is this inscription:

"Here also rests the mortal remains of his wife *Sarah Blowers*, endeared to her friends by many virtues. She closed her exemplary life on the 8th of July, 1845, at the age of 88 years."

SAMUEL,[3] son of Joseph,[2] mar. Nov. 27, 1740, Rebecca (b. Sept. 12, bapt. 18, 1720), dau. of Joseph Adams. She was admitted into the Cambridge church May 20, 1739, the Precinct church Sept. 9, 1739, and d. 1773. He and his son Sam'l resided in Charlestown, Cambridge, and Somerville — at the latter place in a low hip-roofed house at the corner of Garden Court. When a blacksmith he had an apprentice who died Sept. 12, 1759. He was also possibly the schoolmaster of West Cambridge, or of outside of the Neck, in May, 1768. Certain it is that he was selectman of Charlestown in 1767, 1770, and 1771, and that it was his estate that was burned by the British June 17, 1775, at a loss of £5 on buildings and £80. 10s. on lands, trees, and fences. He d. May 21, 1771, aged 57. The following may not refer to him:

A Muster Roll of the Company in His Majestys Service under the command of John Codman Captain

Samuel Kent — *Private.* Entered Service Sept 22 1748 Served until Sep. 23 Time of Service 2 days.

The "Boston News Letter" of July 17, 1760, contains a long advertisement in relation to the "Scheme of a Lottery" which the town had permission to make to raise money for paving the highway in this town from the Ferry to the Neck (Charlestown). The managers were James Russell, Caleb Call, Isaac Foster, Nathaniel Rand, David Newall, *Samuel Kent* and Jabez Whittemore.

Samuel[3] and Rebecca Adams Kent had children, one of whom was buried Aug. 31, 1765, viz.:

I. Samuel, b. Sept. 16, d. Dec. 23, 1741.

II. Rachel, b. Mch. 17, 1742; was mar. May 22, 1765, by Rev. Thos. Prentice, to Jonas Prentice, Jr., of Cambridge.

III. Rebecca, b. Dec. 17, 1746; was mar. Feby. 12, 1788, by Timo. Tufts, Esq., to Nath'l Hawkins, widower.

IV. Lucy, b. Feby. 11, 1748; d. soon.

V. Lucy, b. Jany. 31, 1750; mar. Sept. 6, 1770, Joseph, son of Joseph Adams, b. Nov. 29, 1743; she d. 1785.

VI. Sarah, b. 1753; mar. 5 Mch, 1778, or 1771, Col. Nath'l Hawkins, of So. Kingston, R.I.; and d. prior 1788.

VII. SAMUEL,[4] b. Nov. 21, 1760; one Capt. Sam'l Kent was son-in-law of Deane Winthrop, the 6th son of *Gov. John Winthrop*, who lived at Rumney marsh, aft. called Chelsea and Winthrop.

VIII. ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 19, 1764.

ESTATE OF SAMUEL KENT.[3]

Taxed 1736, 1737, 1741-1770; in Valuation 1771 "S. K. deceased" No. 429. Buys of Jonathan Dowse 2 acres 1740. Of father Joseph 1742-3. Of *brother Stephen* quit claim of father's estate 1755. To Jonathan Cooper 1763, To *sisters Mehitable Tuttle* and *Rebecca Rockwell* house they live in, and ¾ acre — N E, road 4 rods; S E, P Tufts; N W, J Kent (see Jonathan Harris), 1763. To John Lamson 2½ acres — E, beach toward Penny ferry; N, Medford river; W, S. K.; E and S, T Welch, 1763. To D Wood 6 acres 18 poles — N, road over Winter hill; W. P Tufts Jr; S, S Kent. 18 acres — N, road; W, range; S, S. K; E, P. Jr. and W. Tufts, 1766. Administration to widow June 4 1771 Inventory Aug 27; House, Shop and 7¼ acres — N E, road; S E, *Widows Tuttle and Prentice*; S W, S Tufts. N W, S K. 16 acres "Pickle lot — N E, road; S E, house lot and common; S W, G Frost James Hastings; N W, Wyer. 2 acres 60 poles Dirty marsh — S, J Lynde; W, N Tufts; N, Nehemiah Rand; E, S Tufts. 10 acres [8¾ elsewhere] Mousell's island — E, Medford river; W, P Stearns, J Lamson; S, Dr. Welsh or Lamon; N, P. Stearns. 40 acres — S, range; E, W. Tufts; N, D Wood; W, P Tufts, John Pidgeon; W, P Stearns, S Tufts; £1,070.

Set to *Samuel*, only son: N E half of house — bounded N E by road, 16 acres Pickle lot, 10 acres 40 rods Pasture — N, D Wood; W, P Tufts; S, *Rebecca Kent*; E, range. To *daughter Rebecca* West, ½ house 3¼ acres home lot — N E, road; N W, *widows Tuttle and Prentice*; N W, S. K. 7 acres — N, S. K.; W, P Tufts, D Swan; S, S Hawkins. To *Lucy Adams*: 10 acres Mousell's island, 19½ acres pasture — E and W, ranges; N, heirs W Tufts; S, S. Tufts. To Sarah Hawkins: 2 acres 60 rods Dirty marsh 7½ acres pasture — E, range; N, P. Stearns; W, J. Pidgeon; N, Rebecca K. Rebecca (daughter) with Hawkins, Sells Joseph Adams 1785.

DAVID,[3] son of Joseph,[2] mar., 1744, *Abigail Damon*, who survived him, and mar. a Mr. King, notwithstanding the restrictions of her husband's will (see Hist. of Shipbuilding on No. River, p. 372, for will and further particulars of David). He followed his trade of *cooper* in Boston, where he moved abt. 1743, and resided at the North End in a two-story brick and wood house, cor. of Ship (aft. Fore) St. and Battery Alley. He bought this house of James Smith in 1743, paying "69 oz. 15 dwt. troy weight coin silver sterling alloy." Wyman claims that David removed to Philadelphia. In any case he d. Boston, 1759, leaving two chil.:

I. DAVID,[4] b. abt. 1745.

II. JOSEPH,[4] b. about 1747.

JOHN,[3] son of Joseph,[2] I have not been able to locate. He may have removed to Philadelphia, or he may have been the following sailor:

Muster Roll of the Company in His Majesty's Service under the Command of Benj Hollowell Esq Captain on board the Ship King George. 25 march 1760 to 18 Nov^r.

JOHN BRIDGES — *Sailor* entered service April 2 served until Nov 13 Time of Service 13 weeks 2 days wages £16.2-10

JOHN KENT — *sailor* — entered Service Sept 12 served until Nov 11 — Time of Service 8 weeks 5 days wages £4.7.2

Also one John Kent is found in Maine, as follows:

Lochran McLean, late of Penobscot, Me. Hugh McLean, of Milton, Adm'r, 30 June, 1769. Richard Codman and JOHN KENT, both of Falmouth, sureties.

ISAAC,[3] son of Ebenezer,[2] mar. 1st, Oct. 25, 1739, *Rachel*, dau. of Andrew and Rachel BATES *Beal*, who was b. Hing., Aug. 25, 1719. They were received into the 1st Congregational Church at *Milford*, *Mass.*, Apl. 11, 1746, by dismission from the 2d Church in Hingham. In Milford they are said to have lived in the south-easterly part of Bear-hill district. (Others of this name living in Milford 1869–1880 are: James Kent; Geo. H., of Co. E, 4th Regt. Heavy Artillery; Edwin F. Kent left in 1875; Asa G., Edward, and John.) From 1750 to '60 we find Isaac Kent on the executive committee of the town. Later he is said to have moved to Bellingham.

From — A list of alarm men within the Bounds of. the 3rd. foot Company of Militia in Mendon. March y^e. 23^e 1757

Mr. Isaac Kent

About 1770 he was dismissed to the church in "Anapolis Granville." His descendants now live in N.H. Rachel Kent d. May 15, 1805, aged 86.

ISAAC[3] and RACHAEL BEAL KENT had children:

I. RACHAEL, b. July 28, 1740, in Hing.; d. 1746.
II. ISAAC,[4] b. June 9, 1742.
III. SUSANNA, b. July 30, 1744; d. May 2, 1751.
IV. ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 15, 1746, Milford; d. Mch. 13, 1749.
V. REBECCAH, b. Aug. 11, 1748–9, d. June 9, 1791.
VI. ANNA, b. July 25, 1750; d. June 9, 1791.
VII. ABIGAIL, b. Mch. 1, 1752.
VIII. & IX. *Twins.* { ARACH,[4] ZARAH,[4] } b. Oct. 4, 1754.
X. JOHN,[4] b. Jany. 31, bapt. May 1, 1757.
XI & XII. *Twins.* { CALEB, b. Apl. 15, d. May, 1759. JOSHUA, b. Apl. 15, d. Aug., 1759. }
XIII. HANNAH, b. Sept. 12, 1764; d. Apl. 4, 1796, aged 32.

EBENEZER,[3] son of Ebenezer,[2] mar. July 11, 1739, *Sarah*, dau. of Christopher and Sarah BEAL *Wheaton*, who was b. Hing., May 17, 1718. He moved to Leicester, Mass., abt. 1743, when he bought land and resided near Kent Place (since occupied by Daniel, son of Waldo and Harriet Grosvenor Kent, who was b. Jan'y 2, 1853, grad. Amherst Coll. 1875, ad. to bar in Boston, 1880. One Thos. Kent, also of Leicester, mar. on Jan'y 13, 1828, Catherine McCanna. There was a Daniel Kent in Leicester in 1884). Ebenezer d. Feb. 3, 1786, aged 69.

EBENEZER[3] and SARAH WHEATON KENT had children:

I. HANNAH, b. Dec. 15, 1740, Hing.;
mar. Feb. 11, 1765, Ezra French, b. Sept. 20, 1733, and she d. Feb. 1, 1790, aged 49. He d. Nov. 9, 1792, aged 59.

II. LUCY, b. Mch. 4, 174¾; mar., 1764, Jabez Green, of Leicester.

III. EBENEZER,[4] b. 1745, in Leicester.

IV. REUBEN,[4] b. 1747.

V. JACOB,[4] b. 1750.

VI. ELIZABETH, b. 1752; mar. Benj. Flagg, 1776.

VII. LYDIA, b. 1755; mar., 1783, John Campbell.

[Lydia (Ripley) of this family removed to Woodstock, Ct., thence to Barre, Mass.]

SETH,[3] son of Ebenezer,[2] disappeared from Hingham prior to 1748. The only Seth I have been able to find is one born probably much later, and whose *wife Elizabeth* was buried at Copp's Hill, Boston, having d. July 22, 1809, aged 41. They had a son JOHN, who d. Sept. 30, 1794, aged 6.

ABEL,[3] son of Ebenezer,[2] mar. Nov. 17, 1757, *Hannah*, dau. of Rev. Nehemiah and Lydia JACOB *Hobart*. She was b. Hing., Jan'y 20, 173⅘, and d. Mch. 20, 1767 (?). The Kents were mentioned in the Hingham records as early as 1647, when a division of meadow land was made among the proprietors of Cohasset. (Late arrivals are Morris and wife Johanna, b. in Ireland abt. 1825, who had chil.: Nichols, d. 1851; Johanna, d. 1863; Mary, b.1 851; John, 1853; Ellen, 1855; and Norah. Chas., of Berlin, N.H., mar. Aug. 1, 1858, Betsey Kent, of Cohasset.)

Deacon ABEL[3] was a shoemaker. In 1762 he was constable of Cohasset; in 1772 and from 1794 to 1800 town treasurer; 1772 to '79 selectman; and 1776 to 1800 moderator. He resided near the harbor, and d. aged 96.

ABEL[3] and HANNAH HOBART KENT had children:

I. ELIZABETH, b. Jan'y 26, 1759; mar. Aug. 30, 1789, Abraham Tower, b. Hing., Apr. 18, 1752, and left son and grandson Abraham Hobart Tower.

II. LYDIA, b. June 22, 1761; mar. Feb. 14, 1782, Caleb Nichols, b. Hing., Oct. 5, 1751.

III. SETH,[4] b. Feb. 1, 1764. Moved to Boston; prob. the same referred to under Seth,[3] and who is buried Copp's Hill, Boston. He was mar. Dec. 28, 1785, by Rev. Sam'l Stillman, in Boston, to *Elizabeth Gallaway*.

IV. ABEL,[4] b. Apl. 19, 1766.

V. JUSTIN,[4] b. May 21, 1768, possibly by a 2nd wife. He was mar. in Boston by Rev. Sam'l Stillman, Jan'y 5, 1790, to *Lucy Caldwell*. Moved to Haverhill, and later to Portland.

VI. JOHN, b. May 2, 1772; *drowned* Nov. 3, 1801.

VII. HANNAH, b. Oct. 29, 1775; mar. Oct. 18, 1800, Capt. Abraham Tower, widower of Elizabeth.

JOHN,[4] son of John,[3] John,[2] John,[1] I have not been able to get trace of unless the following refers to him:

John Kent in the Revolution appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt Samuel Ward's Co. Col Cogswell's Regt. Time of enlistment Oct 5. 1778. Time of discharge Dec 31. 1778. Time of Service 2 months 28 days. Service in guarding & fortifying ports in and near Boston.

John Kent appears with grade of Private on A Depreciation Roll of 13th Regt. to make good the depreciation of wages for the first three years Service in the Continental Army from 1777 to 1780. Ommitted Jany 1778. from wages Account allowance made from above date

His mother's name being Bathsheba, the following may have been his dau.:

Seth Pease, b. Jan. 9, 1774, mar. BATHSHEBA KENT, Dec. 21, 1785; d. in Philadelphia, Sept. 1, 1819. His wife d. June 14, 1818. Chil.: 1. Betsey, b. April 4, 1786. 2. James, b. April 10, 1788. 3. Gamaliel, b. June 26, 1790. 4. Alfred, b. May 28, 1793.

EBENEZER,[4] son of Ebenezer,[3] John,[2] SERGEANT, then CAPTAIN, was mar. *1st*, Nov. 22, 1753, to *Hannah* (b. Feb. 28, 1731), dau. of Richard *Foster*, by Rev. Hull Abbott; *2nd*, Nov. 10, 1757, to *Mary Austin*, by Rev. Thos. Prentice. His first wife, by whom he had one child, was adm. to the church in Charlestown July 21, 1754; his second wife in Apl., 1758. In Charlestown he lived near the old training field. There

were 27 male and 7 female slaves in Medford in 1754. When the law freed all slaves many preferred remaining with their masters, among them "Dinah," Capt. Kent's slave. (Chas. F., of Medford, served 3 yrs. in 14th Regt. Battery during the late Rebellion.) Capt. Ebenezer[4] d. 1766, in London, Eng. His widow, Mary, d. Concord, N.H., 1827, aged 91. (The Charlestown Records state that Abigail, dau. of Ebenezer and Mary Kent, was b. Aug. 15, 1750.)

EBENEZER[4] had children:

I. EBENEZER, b. Sept. 1, 1754, by wife Hannah; d. soon.
II. EBENEZER,[5] b. May 12, bapt. 13, 1759, by wife Mary.
III. MARY, bapt. Feby. 22, 1761; d. June 13, 1776; gravestone at Medford.
IV. HULDAH, b. June 13, 1763; was mar. May 2, 1786, to Rev. Israel Evans, by Rev. Jos. Eckley; and d. Oct. 19, 1846, aged 84.
V. WILLIAM AUSTIN,[4] b. Apl. 27, bapt. 28, 1765.

ESTATE — EBENEZER Taxed 1756–1766 (except 1758) abated for 1765 Aug 2. 1768 "dying abroad" Administration Oct 28. 1767 to Widow Mary. Inventory £867 Personal Widow Mary deed with Eben Austin to Nathaniel 1791. With Sarah Edward's heirs 1793. To N Austin 1809

NATHANIEL,[4] son of Ebenezer,[3] John,[2] was mar. by Rev. Hull Abbott, Mch. 19, 1761, to *Sarah Kent*, who was admitted to the church at Charlestown Aug. 8, 1762. He was taxed here 1761 to 1766. He had one child: I. NATHANIEL, bapt. Sept. 12, 1762, and Robt. Calley in his diary says he made a coffin for him Oct. 26, 1763. He also records the burial of "Old Mrs." Apl. 7, 1762. One *Nathaniel Kent* of Boston built a mill at Deer Isle, Me., abt. 1778.

(One Sarah Kent mar. James Clark in Weston Sept. 9, 1762.)

JOHN,[4] son of Benjamin,[3] a yeoman of Marshfield, mar. . . . *Betsey* . . . and moved to Mt. Vernon, Me., abt. 1800.

The following are not positively the above John:

John Kent of Marshfield, yeoman, in consideration of £240 paid by *Nath: Kent, of Marshfield mariner*, conveyed my interest in the farm whereon I now live being the one half which I purchased in partnership with said Nath[l]. Kent of the heirs of Mr. John Thomas, late of said Marshfield, deceas[d].
Dated, May 5th. A.D. 1795. Betsey, wife of John Kent.

John Kent of Mount Vernon, Co. of Lincoln yeoman, in consideration of $30. paid by Nath[l]. Kent of Marshfield, Mariner, conveyed marsh land that Nath[l]. Kent purchased of Mr. John Thomas, late of Marshfield, deceased. Dated, June 3, A.D. 1807. Betsey, wife of John Kent.

I JOHN KENT OF PORTLAND in the County of Cumberland *Merchant* testify and say That on the return of my Fishing Schooner — whereof, Isaac Bennet was Skipper Sometime in the summer of Eighty Seven, he the said Bennet offered me two barrels of Turpentine which he Said he dug out of the sands at the Isle of Sables, but as he told me some People had been plundering there I did not care to receive them whereupon he carried them away to New Casco where he lives and left them to be sent which was done after he again sailed for the Banks while I was absent at Boston my Servant not knowing I had before refused to take them received them into my store where they now remain — and further saith Not JOHN KENT

Cumberland SS. Sept 18th 1788 The abovenamed *John Kent* personally appeared and made oath to the truth of the above Declaration by him Signed Before me. Sam[l] Freeman Just Peace

NATHANIEL,[4] son of Samuel,[3] John,[2] is probably the Nath'l who served at the *Gurnett* after the discharge of Capt. Harlow's company. He later settled in Portsmouth, N.H., where he died.

Volunteers Enlisted in the Continental Army. during Winter of 1775–6 From the Town of *Scituate*—

We whose names are hereunto Subscribed being determined to Serve and defend our Country and its Liberties, have this Day voluntarily inlisted as Soldiers in the Continental Army, for one year from the last Day of December next — unless sooner discharged: and do bind ourselves to conform, in all Instances, to such Rules and Regulations as are, or shall be established, for the Government of the said Army

Witness our Hands October the — Annoq Dom 1775 NATH'IEL KENT

Nathaniel Kent in the Revolutionary records appears with rank of Private on Muster Roll of Capt Elijah Crooker's Co. (*Br Gen*) *Thomas'* Reg[t]. dated Aug 1. 1775. Time of enlistment May 3. 1775 Time of Service 3 mos. 5 days *He belonged to Marshfield*

Nathaniel Kent appears with rank of Private on Company Return of Capt Crooker's Co. *Col. Thomas'* Reg[t]. dated Oct. 7. 1775. *He belonged to Marshfield.*

Nathaniel Kent appears among Signatures to an order for Bounty Coat or its equivalent in Money, due for the Eight months Service in 1775. in Capt Elijah Crooker's Co. *Col John Thomas' Regt*, dated Roxbury Nov 9. 1775. Payable to Capt Crooker

" Apparently not an Autograph Signature "

Nathaniel Kent appears with grade of Private on A Return of *Capt Andrew Samson's* Co. Col . . . Reg[t]. in *Service at fort on the Gurnett*, Dated May 20. 1777.

JOHN,[4] son of Sam'l,[3] John,[2] is probably the same who during the Revolution served at Plymouth Harbor after the discharge of Capt. Harlow's Co.

IN THE SEA COAST DEFENCE MUSTER ROLLS.

John Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt William Weston's Co. Col . . . Reg[t]. Time of enlistment. Oct 31. 1776. Time of Service " not given "

Discharged Dec 31. 1776. Stationed on the Gurnet for defence of Plymouth Harbor.

John Kent appears with grade of Private on A Return of Capt Andrew Samson's Co. Col . . . Regt in Service at fort on the Gurnett Dated May 20. 1777.

ONE JOHN WAS IN THE NAVAL SERVICE.

John Kent appears with grade of *Mariner* on Muster and Pay Roll of the officers and Crew of the Ship Vengeance. Commanded by Thomas Thomas. Time of enlistment June 27. 1779. Time of discharge Aug 27. 1779. Time of. Service 2 months. Expedition to Penobscot.

Certain it is that John,[4] of Marshfield, moved to Portsmouth and may have been the following:

John Kent who appears with grade of *Private* on A Depreciation Roll of Col. Edw. Wigglesworth's Regt. (later Calvin Smith's Regt) to make good the depreciation of wages for the first three years Service in the Continental Army from 1777 to 1780.

John Kent appears with rank of Private on Continental Army Pay Accounts for 1780 of Capt Woodbridge's Co. Col Smith's Regt "Time of Service and Residence not given"

In the Mass. Muster and Pay Rolls John Kent of New Castle appears in a Statement of Continental Balances — Rank . . . in Col. Smith's (late Wigglesworth's) Regt. Time engaged for. 3 years — Certified June 11. 1782.

John Kent appears in a Statement of Continental Balances with rank of Private in Col Smith's Regt.

Candia, near Chester, N.H., furnished a JOHN KENT for Revolution 1778–9. Chester also furnished Chas. H. Kent for the Rebellion, 3 years in 8th Regt.

ICHABOD,[4] son of Samuel,[3] John,[2] a *mariner*, later *yeoman*, mar., in 1771, *Abigail*, dau. of Thomas *Hunt*, and resided in Duxbury. Abigail's nephew, *Capt. Sam'l Hunt*, b. 1784, d. 1823, mar. *Deborah Kent*, and had chil.: Hiram, Allen M., Edw. G., Hannah G.

In the Mass Muster and Pay Rolls *Ichabod Kent* appears among A List of Men who have not received billeting Money for Dec 1776 dated: Camp Mt. Washington Sept 26. 1776

Cornelius Delano, of Duxbury, Blacksmith, in consideration of £50. paid by *Ichabod Kent of Duxbury, mariner*, conveyed land lying in Duxbury bounded by land of widow Lydia Delano, & Henry Chandler's house lot.

Dated, Jan. 25, 1793 —

William Sever of Kingston, Esq. in consideration of $67.00 paid by *Ichabod Kent of Duxbury*, mariner, conveyed salt marsh land lying in Marshfield, being the same tract of salt marsh which I purchased of said Ichabod Kent, as may appear by his deed, dated April 8, 1782. Dated, Dec. 14, A.D. 1795.

Ichabod Kent, of Duxbury, Mariner, in consideration of $50.00 paid by Judah Alden, of Duxbury conveyed land in Duxbury bounded by land of Lydia Delano & others. Dated, July 26, 1800.

Ichabod Kent of Duxbury, yeoman, in consideration of $202.00 paid by *Abigail Kent of Duxbury, single-woman*, conveyed land lying in Duxbury. Dated May 16 — A.D. 1817.

BENJAMIN,[4] son of Ezekiel,[3] mar. . . . *Beveridge* and removed to Maine abt. 1780. The following may refer to him:

To the Hon^bl Senate & House of Representatives of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts Oct 30 1780

The Petition of Andrew Reed & *Benjamin Kent* both *of Boothbay* humbly sheweth, that one of your Petitioners Andrew Reed being a Commission^d officer on the late unsuccessful expedition to Bagwaduse. was after our Retreat from thence to Boothbay ordered by General Lovel to impress some Whale Boats. in obedience to his orders Kents boat was impressed, one whale boat the property of Benjamin Kent your other petitioner, an inhabitant of said Boothbay, which boat was Employ^d at the direction of General Lovell, and not since returned to the owner who is in great need of her tho both duty & enclination Commands every Effort in the power of your petitioners to Serve the great Cause of America yet presume your Honors cannot intend individuals loose what was for the public Service therefore pray your said petitioners may have a boat of equal value. which when taken away with Road Sails & appurtainances was worth One hundred & fifty pounds hoping your Honors will take the matter into your Serious Consideration and grant such redress as your Wisdom Shall direct, as to fall of Currency Since and the want of a fishing boat to a needy distress^d family and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray And^w Reed

BENJAMIN KENT

To the Honorable the Senate and Honorable the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Petition of Andrew Reed of Boothbay Junr Humbly Shews. That your Petitioner being a Lieutenant in one of the Companies at and after the unsuccessful seige against Bagwaduce: on return of the troops to Boothbay your Petitioner received Express command from Brigadier Generall Lovell, to collect a number of Boats for use of the Said Troops: among others a *Boat belonging to Mr Benjamin Kent of Said Boothbay* was impress'd into the Service, and by some means or accident not yet returned tho your Petitioner is entirely ignorant of the manner in which She was disposed of Mr Kent has often demanded pay for his said Boat from your Petitioner who Petitioned your Honours for direction, but whither occasioned by Miscarriage or what else is unknown to me but I have received no answer Mr Kent has at last Sued me for said Boat to next September Court to be holden at Pownalboro. I must pray your Honours that your Petitioner may not be obliged to pay for said Boat, with or without Costs of Court, as she was impressed Only in Obedience to Command the orders for my so doing will be presented with this to your Honors must importune your Honours interposition in the affair as it is of a Public nature and grant such assistance as y^r Wisdom shall dictate for help of your Petitioner who as in duty bound Shall Ever pray

Boothbay August 24th — 1781. And^w Reed Lieut

"Endorsed on the back"

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Octr the 11th 1781

On the petition of Andrew Reed Lieut praying for pay for his whaleboat taken from him by General orders. Your Committee beg leave to report as their opinion that the petition and paper accompining the same lay untill the nex Setting of the General Court

Lincoln S.S. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To the Sheriff of our County of Lincoln his under sheriff or deputy Greeting, We Command you to attatch the Goods or Estate of Andrew Reed jun^r. in Said County Gentleman to the value of twenty four pounds, for want thereof to take the body of the said Andrew Reed if he may be found in your pricinct Safely keep So that you have him before our justices of our Inferior Court of Common Pleas next to be holden at Pownalboro within & for our said County of Lincoln on the last tuesday of September next then and there in our said Court to answer

unto *Benjamin Kent* of said Boothbay yeoman in a plea of the Case for that the Said Benjamin at said Boothbay on the fourth day of September in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and Seventy Nine was possessed of a Whale boat, two oars, two sail & forty fathom of Rope altogether of the value of Eighteen pounds as of his own property and being so possessed there afterwards on the same day Casually lost the Same, which same boat, Oars Sails and rope afterwards on the Same day came into the hands & possession of the said Reed by finding and he knowing the same of right to belong to the plantiff but contriving to defraud him thereof — Reed afterwards on the same day Converted the same boat Sails Oars and rope to his own use to the damage of the said *Benjamin Kent* as he Saith the sum of *twenty four pounds* which shall then and there be made to appear with other due damages, and have you there this writ with your doings therein Witness, William Lithgow Esqr at Pownalboro this ninth day of august in the year of our Lord 1781 Jon^a. Bowman Cler

I hereby Certify that after the Defeat at Penobscot Lieut Andrew Reed by the order of Brig^d Genl Lovell Delivered a Boat with Sails the property of Mr *Benj^a Kent of Townsend* for the purpose of an express Boat which was sent to Boston and where Said Boat was some Days kept by Direction of the Honble Councel that in the mean time the term of Engagement for the men that Came to Boston Expired and they all left the Boat &c and retired to their respective places of abode whereby Said Boat was Bulged & became finally destroyed the sails were about two thirds wore and the Boat about half wore

William Todd then Brigade major to Brig^d Genl Lovell

Boston Octob^r 8th 1781

WILLIAM,[4] son of Elisha,[3] mar. abt. 1772 *Mary Sampson*, and LIVED TO BE OVER 90. He was a *mariner*, and may have taken some part in the Revolution, as one bearing his name served as follows:

IN THE SEA COAST DEFENCE MUSTER ROLLS.

William Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Benj. Godfrey's Co. Col Zenath Winslow's Reg^t. Time of Service 6 days. "date not given" Service in Sept 1778.

William Kent appears with rank of Private on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt Joseph Willmarth's Co. Col John Hathaway's Reg^t. — Time of enlistment March 19. 1779. Time of discharge April 12. 1779. Time of Service 25 days. Service at Howland's Ferry.

William Kent appears among a List of Men as *Master of Sloop Safety* employed on Penobscot Expedition Entered July 5. 1779.

In the — Naval Service *William Kent* appears with grade of *Mariner* on Muster and Pay Roll of the officers and Crew of the Ship Vengeance *Commanded by Thomas Thomas*. Time of enlistment June 27. 1779 Time of discharge Aug 27. 1779 Time of Service 2 mos Expedition to Penobscot.

William Kent. appears with grade of . . . on A Warrant to pay Officers and Crew of the Sloop. Safety. Capt . . . borne on A Roll bearing date June 1 — 1784. Service at Penobscot.

Isaac Foord of Marshfield, Gentleman, in consideration of £25. 4s. paid by *Capt William Kent* of Capt. Arthur Howland both of *Marshfield*, conveyed pinewood land lying in Marshfield containing 21 acres, being land I held in common with John Holmes & afterward divided between said Holmes & myself, Feb. 5, 1784, which land belonged to the heirs of Kenelm Winslow late of said Marshfield, deceased. Dated, Jan. 29, 1787.

Nathl. Foord of Marshfield, yeoman, in consideration of £6.10s. paid by *William Kent of Marshfield, mariner* conveyed a piece of upland & swamp in Marshfield bounded by cart-way & s'd Foord's land & s'd Kent's land, containing one acre. Dated June 26, 1787.

William Kent of Marshfield, mariner, in consideration of £16–2s — paid by Luther Thomas, of Marshfield, yeoman, conveyed about 12 acres of upland & swamp land in Marshfield Dated, January, 1789. *Mary wife of William Kent.* Witness, *Peleg Kent.*

William Kent, of *Marshfield*, yeoman, in consideration of £13–8s. 8d paid by James Lewis, of Marshfield, yeoman, conveyed my half of a piece of pine woodland in Marshfield, said land purchased & in common with Capt. Arthur Howland of Marshfield of Isaac Foord & contains about 21 acres. Dated, Oct. 19 — A.D. 1790. Mary wife of William Kent.

Court Records Feby 4th 1793

In the House of Representatives On the petition of *William Kent* and *Judah Thomas* assessors of the first precinct in the town of Marshfield Setting forth that, the assessors of said precinct have for Several years past neglected to grant Warrants to their Collectors, to enable them to Collect their taxes. Resolved that the assessors for the time being, are hereby empowered and directed to issue Warrants in due form of law, to the Several Collectors of said precinct. to enable them to Complete their Collections in the same manner as they might have done had they, the said assessors Committed Warrants in due form of law, to said Collectors at the time when they Committed their bills or lists

Sent up for Concurrence. In Senate read & Concurred. Approved by the Governor

William Kent of Marshfield, in consideration of $68.50 paid by Luther Lewis of Marshfield conveyed land in Marshfield, formerly owned by *Saml. Kent, late of Kingston.* Dated, June 4th. A.D. 1803. Mary wife of William Kent

William Kent of Marshfield in consideration of $800.00 paid by *my son Elisha Kent of Marshfield*, yeoman, conveyed my Homestead farm in Marshfield, being the same I purchased of *father Elisha Kent.* It is understood by said parties that said Elisha is to pay & discharge all the just & honest debts of the said William Also it is agreed that said Elisha shall provide a comfortable support & maintenance for *his sister Alice W. Kent* in sickness & in health as long as she shall remain unmarried. Dated Dec. 30 1831.

WILLIAM[4] and MARY SAMPSON KENT had children:

I. WILLIAM,[5] b. Sept. 5, 1773.

II. POLLY, b. Dec. 28, 1775;
mar. Dec. 27, 1798, Asa, son of Ignatius Sherman, of Marshfield, and they had chil.: Polly, 1799; Asa, 1801; Wealthea, 1803; Abigail, 1806; Alice, 1810; William, 1813.

III. SUSANNA, b. Nov. 15, 1778.

IV. SMITH,[5] b. Nov. 28, 1783.

V. SYLVIA CHURCH, b. July, 1788.

VI. ELISHA,[5] b. Oct. 17, 1789.

VII. ALICE WARREN, b. Apl. 8, 1793; unmarried in 1830.

SMITH,[4] son of Elisha,[3] probably moved to Boston, and was the same Smith who was mar. by Rev. Sam'l Stillman to *Mary Gray*, Jan'y 12, 1775.

ELISHA,[4] son of Elisha,[3] was lost at sea.

PELEG,[4] son of Elisha,[3] was a *mariner*. He mar. *Elizabeth Ford*, and d. Sept., 1819, leaving 2 chil.:

I. Peleg.
II. Phebe.

He served in the Revolution. Phebe, the dau., prob. d. in 1843.

Nov. 7. 1843: John Ford of Marshfield was appointed administrator of the estate of *Phebe Kent* late of Marshfield — by Aaron Hobart, Judge of Probate.

Peleg Kent in the Revolutionary Rolls appears with rank of *Private* on A Pay Abstract of *Capt Thomas Turner's Co. Col. John Bailey's Regt.* for mileage. In Service Jan 10. 1776 in *Brig Gen Thomas'* Brigade. Residence. Marshfield

Peleg Kent appears with grade of . . . on A Warrant to Pay Officers and Crew of the *Sloop Dolphin* (no dates) Service on Penobscot expedition

Abijah Thomas of Marshfield, yeoman, in consideration of £46. 10s. paid by *Peleg Kent of Marshfield, mariner*, conveyed 15½ acres of woodland, lying in Duxbury & is a part of lot 109 which Michael Ford sold to *my hon^d father Saml Thomas*, Said land is bounded by South River, land of Thomas Ford & others. Dated. ———

Robart Cushman of Marshfield, blacksmith, in consideration of £150 paid by *Capt. Peleg Kent*, mariner, of Marshfield, conveyed a piece of land in Marshfield, being a piece which I bought of my mother Deborah Cushman, & a part of the homestead farm of my grandfather, Thomas Ford late of Marshfield, deceased. containing about 12 acres with the Easterly part of dwelling house thereon & all buildings thereon standing or thereto belonging. Dated ———

George Baker of Marshfield. Gentleman, adm^r. of the estate of Elijah Baker, yeoman, deceased, in consideration of $27.18 paid by *Peleg Kent, yeoman* conveyed land amounting to 5 acres one quarter & 30 rods of wood land in Duxbury being a part of what was formerly called the Keen lot, & bounded by land of heirs of Thomas Baker, deceased, & land of Solomon Keen.

Elisha Foord of Marshfield, Gentleman, in consideration of £61. 5s. paid by *Peleg Kent of Marshfield, mariner*, conveyed six acres & 3 quarters of salt marsh, being the same I purchased of Charles Stockbridge, Esq. lying in Marshfield, near Fox Island & bounded by land of Jabez Dingley & others & land of John Thomas. Dated May 20, 1792.

Scollay Baker of Marshfield, yeoman, in consideration of $700. paid by *Peleg Kent* of Marshfield mariner, conveyed about 14 acres of land in Marshfield & is a part of my homestead farm lying on the Southwest part of Bakers Neck, & the same I gave Capt. Isaac Porter a mortgage deed of, bounded by land of James Sprague & others. Dated, May 25, A.D. 1803.

In the name of God amen I *Peleg Kent* of *Marshfield* in the County of Plymouth and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Mariner being weak in Body, but of sound & perfect mind & memory, blessed be Almighty God for the same, do make & publish this my last will and Testament in manner & form following (that is to say) First I give & devise to my *Son Peleg Kent* & to my *Daughter Phebe Kent*, equally between them my homestead farm with the Buildings thereon, and my Wood lot in Duxbury — I also give & devise to my Son Peleg Kent my Salt Marsh in Green Harbour adjoining Fox Island and after him I give & devise the said Salt Marsh to my *Grandson Peleg Smith Kent.* — I also give and devise to my Son Peleg Kent my fresh meadow on South River, I further give and bequeath to my Son Peleg Kent, my farming Tools, and my live Stock, except my best Cow, which I give and bequeath to my Daughter Phebe Kent, & one Ox, which I give and bequeath to my Grandson Peleg Smith Kent, he the said Peleg Smith Kent having the proceeds & value of said Ox, when the same shall be sold or killed — And further I give and bequeath to my Daughter Phebe Kent all the household Furniture blonging to me — Further, it is my will, that if *either of my children before named exhibit any account or accounts against me after my decease that he or she should by so doing forfeit all right and Title to whatever I may have given, devised or bequeathed to him or her in this my last will & Testament* And

lastly I constitute and ordain my Son Peleg Kent sole Executor of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made — In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the thirteenth day of August in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred & nineteen. Peleg Kent.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced & declared by the said Peleg Kent, as and for his last will & Testament in the presence of us, who at his request & in his presence hereunto set our Names as witnesses to the same — } Luke Wadsworth, Azel Ames, Proctor Bourn.

Plymouth ss. Court of Probate October 4th. 1819 Be it remembered that the foregoing Instrument, purporting to be the last will & Testament of *Peleg Kent* late of Marshfield in said County Mariner deceased, being presented to me for probate & having examined the subscribing witnesses thereto & no objection being offered to the probate thereof, I decree that said Instrument be allowed as the last will & Testament of the said Peleg Kent and the same is approved as such accordingly — J. Thomas J. Prob —

To all people to whom these presents shall come Joshua Thomas Esqr. Judge of the probate of wills &c in the County of Plymouth within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts sendeth Greeting — Know ye that on the fourth day of October Anno Domini 1819. The Instrument hereunto annexed purporting the last will & Testament of *Peleg Kent* late of Marshfield in said County Mariner deceased was presented for probate by Peleg Kent the Executor therein named then present Luke Wadsworth Esqr. & Proctor Bourn — two of the Witnesses thereto subscribed, who made oath that they saw the said Testator sign seal & heard him declare the said Instrument to be his last will and Testament & that they with Azel Ames subscribed their names together as Witnesses to the Execution thereof in the said Testator's presence & that he was then (to the best of their Judgment) of sound & disposing mind — wherefore I do prove, approve and allow of the said Instrument as the last Will & Testament of the before named deceased & do commit the administration thereof in all matters the same concerning & of his Estate whereof he died seized & possessed in said County unto Peleg Kent the before named Executor well & faithfully to execute the said will & to administer the Estate of the said deceased, according thereto who accepted of his said Trust & gave bond with sureties to return an Inventory of said deceased's Estate &c. according to the direction of the Law — and he shall render an account upon Oath, of his proceedings, when thereunto lawfully required. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal of Office the day & year above written Joshua Thomas.

CHARLES,[4] son of Elisha,[3] mar. *Ruth Baker*. In 1775 he was a member of Capt. Abijah Crooker's Co. of militia under Gen. John Thomas. He was a mariner, and in 1776 assisted in the capture of a Tory vessel in North River, named "Sally."

Charles Kent in the Revolution appears with rank of *Private* on Muster Roll of Capt Elijah Crooker's Co. (Br Gen) Thomas Regt dated Aug 1 1775 Time of enlistment May 3 1775 Time of Service 3 mos 5 days. He belonged to *Marshfield*

COAT ROLLS. EIGHT MONTHS SERVICE

Charles Kent, Appears with rank of private on Company Return of *Capt Crooker's Co. Col. Thomas' Regt* dated Oct. 7. 1775. He belonged to Marshfield.

Charles Kent Appears among Signatures to an Order for Bounty Coat or its equivalent in money-due for Eight month's Service in 1775 in Capt Elijah Crooker's Co. *Col John Thomas'* Regt dated Roxbury Nov. 9 1775. Payable to Capt Crooker

Mass Muster and Pay Rolls *Charles Kent* Appears with rank of Private on Muster Roll of Capt Nathan Rowlee's Co. Lieut Col Timothy Robinson's Regt dated In garrison at Ticonderoga Feb 25, 1777 enlisted Dec. 25. 1776 Time of Service 2 months

IN THE NAVAL SERVICE. PRIVATEERS ETC

Charles Kent Appears with grade of *Marine on* Muster and Pay Roll dated Sept 20, 1782 of the officers and Crew of the *Brigantine Hawk*, Commanded by *Jonathan Oakes*, no description given. Service from May 3 to June 3 1777. in fleet under Commodore John Manley

Charles Kent appears with grade of *Seaman* on A Warrant to pay officers and Crew of the Brigantine Hawk Capt Jonathan Oaks, borne on a Roll bearing date Nov. 2, 1782 — Autograph Signature.

Prior to 1793, in company with two of his brothers, he moved to Readfield, Me., and settled on Kent's Hill. He had a son b. here 1793, named BARKER,[5] who became a farmer. He mar. *Eliza, dau. of Francis* and *Kate Cofren Hunt*, and settled in Fayette, Me., where six sons were born to him. One, ELIAS H.,[6] b. 1826, mar. *Amanda*, dau. of Daniel and Sally Baldwin *Judkins*, and their only child, Lillian F., d. in 1863. In 1849 he moved to "Rocky Point," Warwick, R.I., where he represented his district in the R.I. State Legislature in 1880. In 1881 he returned to Maine, buying Col. Lewis Chase's farm at Fayette Corner. In 1857 Chas. Kent, of Readfield, was selectman. In 1872 Annie M. (Kent), of Fayette, wife of David Thurston Smith, d. in Litchfield.

NATHANIEL,[4] son of Elisha,[3] mar. *Abigail* . . . He was a mariner, and resided in Marshfield, where, in 1775, he was a member of Capt. Abijah Crooker's Co. under Gen. John Thomas. Later he became a trader of Augusta County, Me., then a yeoman of Waldoborough, Me. His widow d. in Duxbury in 1828.

Nathl. Kent of Marshfield, mariner, in consideration of $108.83 paid by Luther White of Marshfield, Cordwainer, conveyed about 3 acres of salt marsh lying in Marshfield & in Green's Harbour Marsh. Dated Dec. 23, A.D. 1800.
Abigail wife of Nathl. Kent.

John Thomas of Marshfield, Gentleman, in consideration of $531.00 paid by Nathl. Kent of Marshfield, mariner, conveyed 7 acres 2 rods of partly upland but mostly marsh land, lying adjoining to my homestead & bounded by land of Nathl. Kent Scolley Barkers marsh, by a branch of Wharf Creek &c. Dated July 18, 1801.

Nathl. Kent of Marshfield, Mariner, in consideration of $146.25 paid by Judah Thomas of Marshfield yeoman, conveyed 3 acres 1 quarter & 20 rods of salt marsh in Marshfield. Dated, Aug. 31. 1801
Abigail Kent wife of Nath^ll Kent.

Judah Alden of Duxbury, Esqr. in consideration of $152.00 paid by Nathl. Kent, of Marshfield, yeoman, conveyed woodland lying in Duxbury, adjoining & was formerly a part of Calvin Partridge's farm, bounded by land of Amherst Alden's, Wm Freeman & others. Dated, Jan. 21, A.D. 1802.

Nathl Kent of Augusta, Co. of Kennebec & Commonwealth of Mass. Trader, in consideration of $65 paid by William Kent of Marshfield, mariner, conveyed salt marsh land in Marshfield. Dated Sept. 10, A.D. 1802.

Nathl. Kent of Waldoborough, Co. of Lincoln in consideration of $200. paid by *Ichabod Kent* of *Duxbury*, yeoman, conveyed the farm on which Ichabod Kent now dwells bounded by land of widow Lydia Delano & Henry Chandler.

Dated Oct. 13, 1812.

Silvanus Smith, mariner & Guardian for *Jane Kent, Lucy Kent, Clarissa Kent, Ichabod Kent, Abigail Kent, Otis Kent & Frederick S. C. Kent*, minors & children of Nathl. Kent late of Waldoboro' Co. of Cumberland, State of Maine, deceased, in consideration of $88.84 paid by Amos Ames of Duxbury, mariner, conveyed land & buildings thereon lying in Duxbury & is part of the estate owned & occupied by the late *Abigail Kent, single-woman*, deceased. Dated Feb. 18. 1830.

May 19, 1828, Silvanus Smith of Duxbury was appointed by Wilkes Wood to be Guardian unto "*Jane Kent*, a minor above the age of fourteen years, now resident *in Duxbury*, whose choice of you as Guardian has been certified by Samuel A. Frazer, Esq. — and unto *Lucy Kent, Clarissa Kent, Ichabod Kent, Abigail Kent, Otis Winsor Kent, & Frederick Sebastian Cabot Kent, minors under the age of fourteen years : — all children of Nathaniel Kent late of Waldoborough* in the State of *Maine*, deceased, & *heirs of Abigail Kent* late of *Duxbury*, deceased." Bond $2000 — Sureties — Gershom Bradford and Gershom B. Weston.

Aug. 11, 1828, — the estate of Jane, Lucy, Clarissa, Ichabod, Abigail, Otis Winsor, Frederick, & Sebastian Cabot Kent, minors, children of Nathaniel Kent, late of Waldoborough in the County of Cumberland & State of Maine, deceased, was appraised by Judah Alden, Jonathan Smith and George Loring as follows:

Real Estate lying in Duxbury	$84.45
divided in eight shares 10.55⅛.	
Personal Estate an eighth part 0.55	4.39
	$88.84

Children of NATH'L[4] and ABIGAIL KENT:

I. JANE.
II. LUCY.
III. CLARISSA.
IV. ICHABOD.[5]
V. ABIGAIL.
VI. OTIS WINSOR.[5]
VII. FRED^K. SEBASTIAN CABOT.[5]

WARREN,[4] son of Elisha,[3] mar. Dec. 19, 1786, *Bethiah Turner*, and removed to Kent's Hill, Mt. Vernon, Kennebec Co., Me., being with his brothers the first settlers there. She was b. Aug. 20, 1768; d. Sept. 1, 1829. Captain Kent d. May 28, 1834. They had chil., born Kent's Hill, Me.:

I. NATHANIEL.[5]
II. MARY, d. young.
III. WARREN;[5] mar. and had 3 sons, 1 dau. One Warren Kent was selectman of Marshfield, Mass., 1866–67–71.
IV. BETSY;
mar. Woodin Besse, and had chil.: Granville, who mar. Elizabeth Currier, Wayne, Me., and Patience, who mar. Richard Wing, of Wayne, Me.

V. DWELLE,[5] b. Nov. 13, 1796.

VI. EUNICE;

mar. Elias Hunt, b. 1805; d. Dec., 1893. They had 3 chil.: Albion, Daniel, and Wilmot, who d. single.

VII. ROSILLA, never mar.

VIII. BETHIAH, never mar.

IX. MARTIN H.,[5] b. Sept. 5, 1807, Readfield.

Descended from one of the Maine families of Kent was one DAVID, who mar. and had chil.: *Squire Kent*, *Chas. H.*, and *David C. Kent*. ALBERT KENT mar., in 1859, Nancy J. Young, and lived in Gentry County, Mo., until the summer of 1862, when he moved to California. Chil.: *James Squire Ardon*, b. Jan'y 4, 1860, and *Charles Henry*, b. Jan'y 11, 1862, now living Ukiah, Cal., and unmarried.

JOHN,[4] son of Joseph,[3] mar. *B. Walker*. He was a mariner. I have learned nothing about his family, if he had any. One *John Kent*, b. 1766, d. Washington, 1852, Feb. 18, a soldier of the Revolution. One *Jonathan Kent* mar. Dec. 29, 1797, Mt. Desert, Me., to Jenny Hodgdon. *Betsey Kent* mar. Sept. 12, 1798, at Mt. Desert, to Alex. Nutter. *Sam'l Kent* also mar. at Mt. Desert, Aug. 20, 1800, to Patty McVickor. In 1822 there were taxed in Boston one *John Kent*, res. Poplar St.; *Henry S. Kent*, res. Sheafe St.; *Jacob H. Kent*, res. Middle St.; and *Martin Kent*, res. Lynde St. One *John Kent* was living in Sudbury, Mass., in 1840.

NATHANIEL,[4] son of Joseph,[3] mar. *Abigail*, dau. of Jacob *Weston*. She d. Duxbury, Sept. 13, 1856, AGED 90 YRS.

James Bradford & Zerviah, his wife, Jeremiah Kindsman & Sarah, his wife, in consideration of £126 paid by *John Kent & Nathl. Kent both of Marshfield*, conveyed all our right, title & interest to the 42 acres of upland & buildings thereon standing & 13 acres of salt marsh, about one acre of which lies at Home Point. The grantors are *heirs of John Thomas, father of Lydia Kent.* Dated August 21, A.D. 1781.

Zephaniah Willis, Clerk & Hannah his wife, *John Thomas, Merchant*, Waity his wife, *Nathl. Thomas Merchant*, all of Kingston, in consideration of £63. paid *Nathl. Kent merchant & John Kent*, yeoman, both of Marshfield, conveyed ¼ part of the homestead of John Thomas deceased consisting of upland & salt marsh in Marshfield containing about 42 acres, together with ¼ part of 2 acres of Marsh lying at a place called Hether Point, with all buildings & fences on the premises. Dated April 14, A.D. 1792.

Judah Alden of Duxbury, in consideration, to *Nathl. Kent of Duxbury, mariner*, conveyed land lying in Duxbury bounded by land of widow Lydia Delano & Henry Chandler's house lot. Dated Nov. 29, A.D. 1800.

Nathl. Kent, of Marshfield, yeoman, in consideration of $600. paid by Elisha Phillips of Marshfield, Gentleman, conveyed 40 acres of land lying in Marshfield,

said farm my *brother John Kent* & myself bought of the heirs of Mr. John Thomas, late of Marshfield, yeoman, deceased. Dated May 14, 1811.

Nath[l]. *Kent of Marshfield*, yeoman, in consideration of $668.60 paid by Olive Thomas of Marshfield conveyed the whole of my homestead farm, in Marshfield, containing about 40 acres upland &18 acres salt marsh. Dated June 4, A.D. 1813.

Nath[l]. *Kent*, of Marshfield, Mariner, in consideration of $340. paid by Elisha Keen, of Pembroke, yeoman, conveyed 27 acres of land in Marshfield. Dated March 18, 1815.

Judgment recovered against *Nath*[l]. *Kent* of Marshfield, mariner, for the sum of $370.45 damage and $7.55 costs of Suit. Dated May, 1815.

Nath[l]. *Kent* of Marshfield, yeoman, in consideration of $500. paid by Robert Cushman of Marshfield, yeoman, conveyed land lying in Duxbury, & Marshfield. Dated Jan'y 22, 1816.

Abigail, wife of Nath[l]. *Kent.*

Nath[l]. *Kent of* Marshfield, yeoman, in consideration of $110.00 paid by John Oldham, Jr. of Pembroke, yeoman, conveyed about 2 acres of land in Marshfield ½ of which I bought of my brother John Kent. Dated Feb. 12, 1816.

Abigail, wife of Nath[l]. Kent.

Nath[l]. *Kent* of Marshfield, yeoman, in consideration of $405.00 paid by Robert Cushman of Marshfield yeoman, conveyed meadow & upland in Marshfield. Dated March 1, A.D. 1816.

Abigail, wife of Nath[l]. Kent.

Nath[l]. *Kent of Marshfield, yeoman*, in consideration of $3,000 paid by John Bassett of Hingham, merchant, conveyed the whole of my homestead farm in said Marshfield. Dated April 5, A.D. 1817.

Abigail, wife of Nathaniel Kent.

Nath[l]. *Kent of Duxbury, mariner*, & Abigail Kent wife of said Nath[l]. Kent, in consideration of $164.00 paid by Elisha Keen of Pembroke, yeoman, conveyed land lying in Marshfield. Dated April 8, 1822.

Judgment recovered against *Nath*[l]. *Kent of Duxbury mariner*, for the sum of $51.92 damage & $9.75 Costs of Suit. Dated May 4, 1825.

Abigail Kent of Duxbury, widow of Nathaniel Kent, late of Duxbury, deceased, in consideration of $26.00 paid by Ezra Weston, Esq. of Duxbury in each & every year during my natural life to commence from the 8th day of April 1838, conveyed all my right to a third of a certain wood lot, in Marshfield & a lot that was set off by an Execution from my late husband Nath[l]. Kent to Ezra Weston. Dated Nov. 5, A.D. 1838.

The following Abigail was probably a sister of Nath'l :[4]

Joshua Drew of Duxbury, master mariner, in consideration of $500.00 paid by *Abigail Kent of Duxbury, singlewoman*, conveyed a lot of land in Duxbury, bounded by land of W[m]. Simmons containing 2 acres with dwelling house thereon formerly the estate of Thomas Weston, 2[d]. Dated March 31 1828.

Dec. 17, 1828; Samuel A. Frazar of Duxbury was appointed administrator of the estate of *Abigail Kent*, late of said *Duxbury, singlewoman*, deceased by Wilkes Wood. J. Probate. Bond. $2000 — Sureties — Jno. B. Thomas and Jno. Thomas.

Above estate appraised Jan'y 2–1828 by Judah Alden, George Loring and Jonathan Smith as follows —

Real Estate: The homestead of said deceased situated in said Duxbury, containing one acre, with the buildings thereon	$380.00
Personal Estate: 6 chairs and bedstead 6.00 — 1 teapot, 6 china cups & saucers, 3 plates, 2.25	8.25
1 rocking chair 2.50 Sundry remnants of goods 3.00	5.50
Library, twenty books	6.00
	$399.75

In the final account of the administrator is the following — Accounted for to the Heirs (viz).

Abigail Kent's share	68.92	
Desire Emmons d°.	68.92	
Amos Ames d°	68.92	
Sarah Ann Kent d°	11.48.6	
The share of 5 Minors being one 24th part each in possession of Silvanus Smith their Guardian	57.43 4	. . $275.68

Duxbury Sept 8. 1828 Samuel A. Frazar administrator

Abigail Kent of Duxbury, singlewoman, in consideration of $400.00 paid by *Maria Kent & Eliza Kent of Duxbury, singlewoman*, & Deborah Soule of Duxbury, widow, conveyed ⅓ths of my homestead farm being the same I bought of Joshua Drew of Duxbury. Dated, July 2d. 1834.

Eliza Kent of Duxbury, single woman, in consideration of $50.00 paid by *Abigail Kent, & Maria Kent both of Duxbury, singlewoman*, conveyed all my right & interest in the homestead place that was deeded to my *sister Abigail Kent* Dated, Nov. 25, A D. 1835.

April *5. 1805* Sylvanus Cook of Kingston was appointed administrator of the Estate of *Phebe Kent*, late of Kingston, widow. Bond $1000 — Sureties Barstow Cook and Joseph Bartlett.

April 20 — 1805 — Jedh. Holmes, James Sever, and John Faunce, having been previously appointed and empowered by Joshua Thomas, Judge Prob. apprised the estate of *Phebe Kent, late of Kingston, widow*, deceased, as follows —

one Bedstead & Cord $1.25 one chest $1. one small d°. $1 . . .	$3.25
one Bed 40lb. at 22c — $8.80 one other bed wt 53 @ 16c. 7m — 8.83.4 .	17.63.4
Bedding $1 — 9½ lbs. old Pewter $1.58c.4m.	2 58.4
2 Table Spoons & 2 Tea d°. $3 — a scarlet cloak & an old Gown $1.00 .	4.00
Iron Ware 0.33.3 Warming pan 1.33	1.66 3
a Chest with draws 50c a Table 25c a cupboard 50c	1.25
	$30.38.1

JOSHUA,[4] son of Joshua[3] (one *Joshua* and *Rebecca Kent*, his wife, had child Rebecca, b. Charlestown Jan'y 22, 1748). One Mr. Kent d. in Dorchester Nov. 27, 1803.

Suffolk Probate Dated 21st March 1781 Probated 20 July 1790:

I *Lydia Kent of Boston* in the State of Massachusetts Bay Widow. &c &c I give & bequeath to *my Daughter in Law Elizabeth Pearse, Wife of Green Pearse, Mariner* all my Wearing Apparel and household Furniture that properly belongs to me to be entirely for her own Comfort at her own Disposal and as to my plate and Jewels Such as Necklaces, Earings & Such things I give to the *Children of the Said Elizabeth Pearse* in equal moiety or half parts Namely *Joshua Kent Pearse* & *Lydia Bottam*, to be equally Divided between them, and I hereby nominate & appoint Green Pearse of said Boston Mariner sole Executor &c &c Value of Inventory £22.5.5

The above Lydia Kent was buried May 2, 1790, aged 88.

JOHN,[4] son of Joshua[3] (one *John Kent* was *mar.* Apl. 8, 1773, at Trinity Church, Boston, to *Frances Wilson*).

SAMUEL,[4] son of Sam'l,[3] Joseph,[2] mar. *Rhoda*, dau. of Abraham *Hill*, June 20, 1782, who d. abt. Jan'y 1, 1841, aged 78.

Birthplace of Sarah E. E. Kent, Bryant's Corner, Scituate (now Norwell), Mass.

She was b. 1, bapt. 8, Jan'y, 1764. They were admitted to the church in Arlington, Mch. 9, 1783. He was constable in Charlestown, 1789.

ESTATE OF SAMUEL.[4]

Buys of N Hawkins, 9 acres 1784. with Thomas Rand, of E Richardson, lot, 1798. With T. R. buys of Z Shed 4 acres Prospect hill — E, 3 pole, lane; S, John Harris; N, J H.; W, John Stone, 1799. Same of J and J Harris, 2½ acres (ref. N Adams) 1802. of Joseph Adams, 9 acres, 1814. To John Adams, 10 acres, 1814.

Samuel Kent in the Revolutionary records appears among a List of Officers of the Massachusetts Militia as *1st Lieut of the Brigantine* "MASSACHUSETTS" "date of Commission not given"

Samuel Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt Stephen Dana's Co., Col. McIntosh's Regt. Time of enlistment March 19, 1776. Time of discharge April 5, 1776. Time of Service 18 days. *He belonged to Cambridge.* Service at the lines at Boston.

SAMUEL[4] and RHODA HILL KENT had children:

I. SAMUEL,[5] b. Jan'y 7, bapt. Mch. 9, 1783; dis. to 1st church, Cambridge, Dec. 11, 1803; mar. abt. Dec. 6, 1807, *Lucy Johnson;* d. prior 1814, leaving widow and 2 children.

II. JOSEPH,[5] mar. abt. Feb. 2, 1812, *Martha Boardman*, and moved out of the State prior to 1835.

III. JOHN,[5] of Wayland, 1835.

IV. WILLIAM,[5] with parents and Hannah Cutter in 1789.

V. BENJAMIN,[5] prob. b. 1794.

VI. DAVID.[5]

VII. SARAH.

VIII. REBECCA, mar. Nath'l Monro.

DAVID,[4] son of David,[3] mar., 1773, *Lydia Damon.* He d. 1825. She d. Dec. 12, 1831, aged 82, in Scit. He was a "*yeoman*," of Scituate, until 1790, when he evidently moved to Boston, and is called a "*housewright*," and in 1794 a "*shipwright*," and prob. blt. on Clark's or Hart's shipyards, near the North Battery, now the site of Constitution wharf, and where the ship "Constitution" was launched. (See Briggs' Hist. of Shipbuilding on North River.) In 1799 he was a shipwright of Scituate, and deeded land on Daggett's Alley, cor. Ship St., Boston, inherited from his father. He marched to R.I. on alarm of Dec., 1776, being a private in Capt. Collamer's Co., Col. Cushing's Regt.

Zachariah Daman of Scituate, wheelwright, in consideration of £66. 13s. & 4d. paid by *David Kent*, conveyed 15 acres 11 rods of land lying in Scituate near Benjamin Adder's. Dated, Sept. 15 A.D. 1766.

Job Turner of Scituate, yeoman, in consideration of £90 paid by *David Kent, of Scituate, yeoman*, conveyed about 40 acres & 1 quarter of land in Scituate, & is the same that I bought of said Kent, Jan. 26, 1784. Dated, Dec. 2, 1788.

Sam[l] Stockbridge of Scituate, Gentleman, in consideration of £6 paid by *David Kent*, of Scituate, yeoman, conveyed four acres of land lying in Scituate, near said David's dwelling house, & bounded by land of said Samuel Stockbridge, the Turner lot & Torrey land & Westerly by said Kents pasture. Dated, Dec. 15th, 1788.

David Kent of Scituate, yeoman, in consideration £28, 6s. paid by Elisha Leavitt, Jun. of Hingham yeoman, land containing 15 acres more or less, bounded by James Baker's land, Josiah Stodder's land. Also by lands of Dan[l]. Damon, Elijah Water's Dwelle Clap & John Eells

David Kent of Scituate yeoman, in consideration of 24£ paid by Stephen Totman of Scituate, conveyed 9 acres of land near said David's dwelling house, bounded by lands of Abijah Brown.

David Kent of Scituate, yeoman in consideration of £36-18s — paid by Joshua Jacobs of Scituate, Gentleman, conveyed 20 acres 104 rods of land in Scituate near s'd David's dwelling & bounded by land of Simeon Damon.

David Kent of Scituate yeoman, in consideration of 30 shillings paid by John Damon of Scituate yeoman, 100 rods of land lying in Scituate at Barker's Corner.

David Kent of Scituate, yeoman, in consideration of Six pounds lawful money paid by Samuel Stockbridge of Scituate, Gentleman, conveyed one acre & a half of land lying in Scituate, being a part of the Torrey land, bounded by lands of Simeon Daman. Also Cedar swamp land in Scituate bounded by land of Samuel Stockbridge excepting a portion to the southward owned by Barnabas Barker. Dated Dec. 15, A.D. 1783.

David Kent, of Scituate, yeoman, in consideration of £92. 5s. paid by Job Turner of Scituate, yeoman, conveyed wood land & part of my homestead in Scituate. Dated — Jan'y 26. A.D. 1784.

1789 *David Kent of Scituate, shipwright*, deeds to Elisha Leavett of Hingham undivided half of *two story wooden house with brick sides between Clark's and Hart's building yards near North Battery and on the corner of Ship Street and Dagget's alley* being what he received with *his brother Joseph from his father David's* estate, half *now occupied by Polly Kent widow* of the said *Joseph*; the other half by Joseph & *David's mother Abigail King*.

David Kent of Scituate, Housewright, & Lydia Kent wife of said David Kent, in consideration of $25.00 paid by Rachel Clapp of Scituate, widow, conveyed 2 acres of woodland in Scituate, being land which Stephen Daman conveyed to said Lydia, by deed dated Feb'y 7th. 1794. Dated March 6, A.D. 1819.

Stephen Daman of Scituate, cordwainer, in consideration of £11. paid by *Lydia Kent*. wife of *David Kent of Boston, housewright*, conveyed 2 acres of woodland in Scituate at a place called Turn Coat Hill, which I bought of Joshua Bryant by deed dated Feb. 2, 1791 — Dated, Feb. 7, 1794.

Stephen Totman, of Scituate, yeoman, in consideration of £3-6s paid by *David Kent of Boston, shipwright*, conveyed 1 acre of land in Scituate, bounded by land of Abijah Brown, Easterly on said David land, Northerly on Capt. Joshua Jacob's land & Westerly on Abijah Brown's land, said acre being enclosed with fence. Dated Feb. 22, 1794.

David Kent of Boston, County, of Suffolk, Shipwright, in consideration of $382.50 paid by Joshua Damond of Scituate, Co. of Plymouth, yeoman, conveyed 12 acres 3 quarters pasture land lying in Scituate where I formerly lived, bounded by land of Simeon Daman, & Abijah Brown, Dated May 29, 1799

Lydia Kent wife of David Kent —

David Kent. yeoman, & Sam[l]. Kent, shipwright both of Scituate, in consideration of $150 paid by Joshua Dwelley, shipwright & Melzer Hatch yeoman, both

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of Hanover, conveyed about 3 acres of land lying in Hanover bounded by land of Ezra Briggs, Joseph Brooks & als. Dated, Feb. 11, 1801

Lydia wife of David Kent, Hannah wife of Sam[l].

Melzar Curtis of Hanover, Esq[r]. in consideration of $202.19 paid by *David Kent & Samuel Kent* of Scituate, yeoman, conveyed 4 Acres, 7 rods of land *lying in Hanover*, bounded by land of Ebenezer Curtis, Simeon Curtis, dec[d]. & James Otis, also land of James Gray. Dated, January 9 — A.D. 1801

Melzar Curtis of Hanover, Esq. & James Curtis of Freeport, Co. of Cumberland, yeoman, in consideration of $350.00 paid by *David Kent* of Scituate, yeoman & *Samuel Kent*, of Scituate, conveyed in equal halves 7 acres of land *lying in Hanover* & the one half of 14 acres of land lying in common & undivided with Joshua Dwelly & Melzar Hatch & bounded by land of Job Curtis, Joseph Brooks, Ezra Brigs, Jun[r]. & Isaac Turner, & Nath[l]. Jacobs Dated January 15, 1801.

David Kent of Scituate, shipwright, in consideration of $60.00 paid by Lemuel Turner of Scituate, Gentleman, conveyed woodland *lying in Hanover*. Dated Sept. 18, A.D. 1806.

David Kent in the Revolutionary Records appears among A List of Officers of the Massachusetts Militia as *1st Lieut* X in Capt John Bowker's Co. of Col Whitney's Regt. Commissioned Feb 5. 1776 X of a Company raised in Rutland, Hutchinson &c to reinforce American Army

David Kent appears with rank of *Corporal* on Muster and Pay roll of Capt William Fletcher's Co. Col. Benjamin Simond's Regt. Time of enlistment Aug. 22, 1777. Time of discharge Aug 29, 1777. Time of Service 7 days. Marched on expedition to Bennington.

David Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of *Capt. Thomas Collomers'* Co., *Col. John Cushing's Plymouth Co.* Regt., for Service at Rhode Island on the Alarm of Dec. 8, 1776 (marched to Bristol R.I.). Time of enlistment Dec. 8, 1776. Time of discharge Dec. 23, 1776. Time of Service 15 days. Residence not given, roll dated *Scituate*, March 28, 1777.

DAVID,[4] and LYDIA DAMON KENT had children:

I. SAMUEL,[5] b. 1774.

II. SALLY, b. 1775; d. Mch. 11. 1821, aged 46.

III. RACHEL, b. abt. 1777;

mar. Dec 17, 1802, Perkins, son of Elijah and Martha (dau. of Abiel Turner) Clapp, who was b. in Scit. Oct. 3, 1779; d. Dec. 21, 1811. Through his mother he was a lineal descendant of the Puritan Rev. John Robinson. Rachel and Perkins Clapp had a large family. (See Clapp Family in America, publ. 1876.)

JOSEPH,[4] son of David,[3] was mar. Oct. 24, 1768, to *Mary* or *Polly Clark*, in Boston, by Rev. John Lathrop. He d. prior to 1789. One *Mary Kent* d. Aug. 1, 1789 ("Independent Chronicle"); one *Mary Kent*, widow, *et al.*, conveyed land on Prince St. in 1793.

1796 *Joseph Kent, cooper, of Boston* deeds to *Mary Kent widow* of Boston property in Dagget's alley. Mary being the *heir of her father Joseph* and of *widow Abigail King*, the *wife* of her *grandfather David Kent* and *Mary Kent the widow of her father Joseph.*

Sam[l]. Spear of Boston, having received the amount of said Execution with charges by the hands of Gideon Fish from *Joseph Kent* therein named do hereby release all my right in & unto the within described premises & request that the record of this Execution may be discharged. Dated Oct. 20, 1806.

JOSEPH[4] and MARY CLARK KENT had children:

I. ABIGAIL, bapt. Mch 25, 1770, at 1st Church, Boston.

II. JOSEPH,[5] bapt. Mch. 22, 1773; mar. Oct. 18, 1795, *Hannah Trask*, at 1st Presby. Church, Boston, by Rev. Jeremy Belknap. He was a cooper, and resident of Boston 1813. One *Joseph Kent* mar., in 1826, *Mary Ann Kettell*, of Boston.

III. JOHN,[5] b. abt 1775; mar. Oct. 27, 1799, *Eunice Trask*, by Rev. Thos. Baldwin. He was a cooper, and resident of Boston in 1813. Joseph and John inherited their father's estate, cor. Ship St. and Battery Alley, Boston; and also had property on Prince St. in 1806.

ISAAC,[4] son of Isaac,[3] mar. 1st, by Rev. Mr. Willard, May 17, 1770, to *Sarah Wheelock*, in Mendon, Mass. By her he had 5 chil. She d. Nov. 13, 1779, aged 28. Her mother d. May 3, 1813. He mar. 2d, Aug. 17, 1780, *Sarah Way;* she d. Aug. 20, 1790; no chil. He mar. 3d, Apl. 21, 1791, *Sarah Holbrook*, of Grafton, Mass., by whom he had 4 chil.; she d. Feby. 27, 1813, aged 59. He mar. 4th, Oct. 26, 1814, at Withersfield, Vt., *Rhoda Kenny, widow;* no chil. He d. Jan'y 1, 1835, aged 93. In 1793 one *Isaac*, also a *John Kent*, petitioned for the incorporation of a religious society in Alstead, N.H. *Isaac* is said to have had a *brother Benjamin*, who settled in New York. He left Warwick, Mass., in 1776, and lived in New Alstead, N.H., thereafter. Several of his family, including his brother Zarah,[4] went to Nova Scotia, probably *refugees;* but he may have been the following Isaac, who appears in the Revolutionary Records:

Isaac Kent, Jr., who appears with rank of Private on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Reuben Butterfield's Co, Col. XX. Regt. Time of enlistment, Dec. 16, 1776. "Time of discharge & Service not given." Reported enlisted into Continental Service Feb. 2.

Isaac Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Joshua Parker's Co., Col. Robinson's Regt., for Service at Rhode Island on alarm of . . . Time of enlistment, July 5, 1777. Time of discharge, Jany. 1, 1778. Time of Service, 5 months 26 days.

Isaac Kent appears with rank of Private on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Moses Barnes Co., Col. Pierce's Regt., for Service at Rhode Island on the alarm of . . . Time of enlistment, May 24, 1779. Time of discharge, July 1, 1779. Time of Service, 1 month 7 days. *He belonged to Chelmsford.*

Isaac Kent appears with rank of Private, Muster & Pay Roll of Capt. Moses Barn's Co, Lt. Col. Samuel Pierce's Regt. Time of enlistment, May 25, 1779. Time of discharge, July 1, 1779. Time of Service, 1 mo. 6 days.

Isaac Kent, Jr., appears in An Order given by Lieut. Sherwood to Capt. Butterfield, requesting him to return the above-named I. Kent, Jr., at expiration of Service. Service in Capt. Butterfield's Co., Col. Thatcher's Regt.

ISAAC[4] by two of his wives had children:

I. ISRAEL,[5] b. May 28, 1773; d. Dec. 29, 1831.
II. AMARIAH,[5] b. Mch. 4, 1775; d. June 16, 1825.
III. ANNA, b. Jan'y 16, d. Feb. 6, 1777.
IV. REBECAH, b. Jan'y 13, 1778; d. Nov. 10, 1783.
V. BENJAMIN,[5] b. Nov. 13, 1779.
VI. SALLY, b. Aug. 17, 1792; d. Oct. 12, 1858.
VII. ASA,[5] b. Feb'y 28, 1794; d. 1882, aged 88.
VIII. ARAD,[5] b. Oct. 10, 1795; d. Aug. 4, 1831, in Marion, Ohio.
IX. STEPHEN,[5] b. May 27, 1797; d. Aug. 10, 1834, leaving a son, a lawyer in Ohio, and a dau.

JOHN,[4] son of Isaac,[3] d. Apl. 20, 1815, aged 58.

EBENEZER,[4] son of Ebenez.,[3] Ebenez.,[2] mar., 1772, *Esther Stone.* They both d. 1806. He was *corporal* of the *company of minute men that marched from Lexington on the alarm of Apl. 19, 1775;* also on the *Bennington alarm in 1777.* He and his father lived, and Capt. Dan'l Kent d., in the fourth school district of Leicester, Mass., according to the division of 1776. In 1782 he was elected on the "COMMITTEE OF SAFETY," which probably succeeded to the duties of the "Committee of Correspondence."

(Chas. Cutler d. in Leicester abt. 1856. His 2nd wife was *Pauline Kent;* their son, *Geo. E.*, b. 1841, was of the 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery; d. 1865, Washington. They also had a son *Charles*, b. Oct. 31, 1844.)

In Lexington Alarms, Revolutionary Records, *Ebenezer Kent* appears with rank of *Corporal* on Lexington Alarm Roll of Capt. Seth Washburn's Co., Col. Ward's Regt., which marched on the Alarm of April 19, 1775, from Leicester to . . . He belonged to *Leicester*. Length of service 13 days.

Ebenezer Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Loring Lincoln's Co., Col. . . . Regt. Time of Service 5 days. Time of enlistment and discharge not given. Marched on the alarm at Bennington in 1777 under Lt. Col. Flagg. He belonged to *Leicester*.

Ebenezer Kent appears with rank of Private on A Warrant to pay officers and men borne on a Roll bearing date Nov. 1, 1785, of Capt. Loring Lincoln's Co., Col. Flagg's Regt. Service on alarm at Benington, 1777.

EBENEZER[4] and ESTHER STONE KENT had children:

I. WILLIAM,[5] b. 1773; mar. *Katy Wheaton*, aft. of Wallingford.
II. SARAH, b. 1774.
III. DANIEL,[5] b. 1777; mar. 1st, 1805, *Ruth, dau. Samuel Watson*, 2nd, 1829, *Miranda Cunningham.* He lived abt. 2 miles N.E. of the meeting-house in

Leicester, at one time commanded the military company of the town, and d. leaving several children.

Fr. 1st Presby Ch., Bos., bapt. Jany. 5, 1794, one Daniel Bailey, son of Sam'l Stafford. Kent by change during this Legislature.

IV. ELIAS,[5] b. 1780, aft. of Wallingford.
V. POLLY, b. 1787.
VI. BETSEY, mar. Jonathan Hubbard.
VII. EZRA,[5] aft. of Wallingford.

JACOB,[4] son of Ebenez.,[3] Ebenez.,[2] mar. *Desire Prouty*. The Jacob Kents are rather confusing: one *Jacob* owned land in No. Brookfield, Mass., and built a sawmill on the Quabaug River, selling it in 1845 to Wm. R. Thomas. It was near the mill of Sylvester Thomas. Another *Jacob* enlisted from Brookfield 1777–78, taking part in the battle of Saratoga under Gen. Gates, Oct. 7, 1777.

Jacob Kent in the Revolutionary Record appears with rank of *Private* on A Pay Abstract of Capt. Asa Danforth's Co. Col. Couver's Regt. for Service 22 days. Co. of Volunteers marched from Brookfield Sep. 23, 1777, to join Gen. Gates' Army.

Jacob Kent appears with rank of Private on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Asa Danforth's Co. Col. . . . Regt. Time of enlistment Sep. 23, 1777. Time of Service 22 days. Given as Bent. Co. of Volunteers marched to join army under Gen. Gates.

ABEL,[4] son of Abel,[3] was a cordwainer. The following items refer to him and to others of the name of Kent in the town of Cohasset:

Edwd Battels of Cohasset, cordwinder, in consideration of £8.13s.4d. paid by *Abel Kent, cordwinder of Cohasset* conveyed all ½ part of salt marsh purchased of David Orcutt of Hingham, decd. lying in Scituate Dated, July 10, 1771.

Thomas Osyor, mariner, & Martha Osyor his wife both of Marshfield, in consideration of £30 paid by Job Tower, yeoman, Urian Oakes, shipwright, *Abel Kent* Cordwainer, all of Cohasset, conveyed land, salt marsh & Flat, lying in Scituate, bounded on South East by flats of Abel Kent. Dated Aug. 1st. 1772.

Abigail Cushing of Cohasset, widow, Nathl. Minott of Dorchester, Gentleman, & Elizabeth his wife, John Whitney of Quincy, Gentleman, & Sophia his wife, Benjamin Bailey of Scituate, yeoman & his wife Marcy, Hayward Peirce of Scituate, Esq. & Judith his wife, Nathl. Peirce of Scituate, yeoman & Nabby his wife, Elijah Peirce of Scituate, yeoman & Beckey his wife, Rowland Bailey of Scituate, yeoman Amasa Bailey & Caleb Bailey, jun. both of Scituate, yeomen, in consideration of $55.00 paid by *Abel Kent, Jun. of Cohasset, yeoman*, conveyed, a wood island in Scituate known as Horse Island formerly owned by Amasa Bailey deceased, lying on farm neck, containing about 1½ acres. Dated Feb. 20, 1817.

Apr. 11, 1788, the estate of James Hall, residing in Hingham, was appraised by Thomas Lothrop, *Abel Kent*, and Josiah Oakes. William Hall was b. at Mfd. Dec. 10, 1798, and in 1837 came to reside in Hing.

He m. at Mfd., Aug. 23, 1822, *Sarah Kent*, dau. of *William* and *Sarah* (Joice) *Kent*. She was b. at Mfd. Nov. 20, 1800, and d. at Quincy 9 Nov., 1875, æt. 75th yr. He. d. at Boston, 29 July, 1875, æt. 77th yr. "Master shipbuilder." Chil.: **1.** Sarah Ann, b. at Mfd. Nov. 29, 1823; m. in Hing., Feb. 6, 1842, George Bates, of Coh. **2.** Mercy, b. at Mfd. Dec. 14, 1824; m. in Hing., May 16, 1844, Geo. Lincoln, Jr., the compiler of this genealogy. **3.** Caroline, b. at Mfd. Jan. 4, 1827; m. (1) in Hing., Oct. 3, 1847, Thomas T. French, and (2) Richard Hilliard, of Provincetown. **4.** Susanna, b. at Mfd. Aug. 24, 1828; d. in Hing. 25 Jan., 1839. **5.** William, b at Mfd. Apr. 15, 1831; m. Mary Tucker, and resides at Boston. **6.** Andrew, b. at Mfd. March 16, 1833; m. (1) Orie Davis, and (2) Mary E. Kendall; resides at Boston. **7.** Almeda, b. at Mfd. Aug. 27, 1834; m. George W. Cobb, of Boston; and d. 17 Sept., 1865, æt. 31 yrs. **8.** Lydia Atkins, b. in Hing. Feb., 1841; d. 28 Aug. foll. **9.** Emily Cook, b. in Hing. Apr., 1842; d. 28 Aug., 1842. **10.** John Otis, b. in Hing. Dec. 7, 1843; m. Ella Creed, of Coh. Resides at Quincy.

George Lincoln, b. in Hing. Jan. 5, 1765; m. first, Dec. 24, 1793, Sarah French, dau. of Ezra and *Hannah* (*Kent*) French. She was b. in Hing. Apr. 28, 1771; and d. 26 March, 1803, æt. 32d yr. He d. in Hing. 11 July, 1829, æt. 65th yr. "Master mariner." Chil., b. in Hing. by w. Sarah, were: **1.** George, June 9, 1797. **2.** Sally, Jan. 30, 1800; d. at Leominster, Mass., 10 Sept., 1819, æt. 20th yr.

George Lincoln, b. in Hing. Sept. 23, 1822; m. May 16, 1844, Mercy Hall, dau. of William and *Sarah* (*Kent*) Hall. She was b. at Mfd. Dec. 14, 1824. "Trader" and compiler of the genealogy of the families of Hing. Resides on Ship St. Chil., all b. in Hing.: **1.** George Melville, March 13, 1846. **2.** Mercy Walton, Dec. 7, 1847; m. June 27, 1880, Edwin M. Thayer, of Newton. **3.** Caroline Thomas, May 29, 1850; d. 2d Oct. foll. **4.** William Hall, July 23, 1853; d. 13th Sept. 1855. **5.** Alma, Nov. 23, 1855; d. 25th July, 1858. **6.** Herman, Sept. 28, 1858; d. 27th Sept., 1878. **7.** Sara Jane, Jan. 11, 1862. **8.** Helen Scott, March 16, 1867. **9.** Alfred Loring, Feb. 13, 1869.

Town of Hingham, 250th Anniversary; among the list of Legal Voters for the election in Nov., 1884, one . . . *Kent*. The Town of Hingham in the Civil War 1861–1865. List of Kents who contributed towards the erection of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument —

Kent — Maurice	*John*
Mrs Maurice	*Ellen*
Mary	*Honora.*

EBENEZER,[5] son of Ebenez.,[4] Ebenez.,[3] John,[2] is described at 22 yrs. of age as being 5 ft. 11 in. tall, dark complexion and hair, occupation a founder. He mar. 1st, Dec. 7, 1783, *Lucy Sanger*. By her he had 2 chil., b in Watertown, Mass. She d. Oct. 25, 1792. He was mar. 2nd, Aug. 28, 1794, by Rev. Peter Thacher, at Brattle St. Church, Boston, to *Charlotte, dau. of John Vinal*, by whom he had 4 chil. He d. Mch. 26, 1812, aged 55. His estate was settled in 1813, and Charles Kent, of Boston, app. guardian for the chil. She d. May 9, 1845 (1848?), at Cincinnati, O., aged 80. *Maj. Ebenez.*

Kent's father and grandfather were sea captains and d. abroad. He was an officer in the Revolution, being ENSIGN and later CAPTAIN of the Watertown Artillery. In 1808 the sloop "Dido," 40 tons, was blt. for him by Josiah Barker in Charlestown. In 1784 Hon. Luban Wheaton commenced the study of law with a Mr. Kent, of Watertown.

Ebenezer Kent in the Revolutionary Records Appears with rank of *Private* on a Return of Co. Lt. Col. Jabez Hatch's Boston Regt. in Service guarding Stores at and about Boston. Detachment drafted for 5 weeks by order of Council of May 12, 1777, to serve under Maj. Gen. Heath, Commanded by Maj. Andrew Symmes.

Ebenezer Kent Appears with rank of *Sergeant* on Muster and Pay Roll of Major's Co., Col. Jackson's Regt. Time of enlistment, June 4, 1777. Time of discharge and Service not given. *He belonged to Charleston.* Term of enlistment during War.

Ebenezer Kent Appears in a list of Men Mustered in Suffolk County to serve in Capt. Brown's Co., Col. Henry Jackson's Regt., by a return made by Nath'l Barber. Dated Boston, June 8, 1777. Term of enlistment 3 years. Received £20 bounty.

Ebenezer Kent appears with rank of *Sergeant* on Muster Roll of Capt. Lemuel Trescott's 3d Co., Col. Henry Jackson's Regt., for April, 1779. Dated Pawtuxet, May 4, 1779. Enlisted June 4, 1777, for 3 years. Reported on Command at Fields' Point.

Ebenezer Kent Appears with rank of Sergeant on A Return of . . . Co., Col. Henry Jackson's Regt., made up to Dec. 31, 1779. Time of enlistment, June 4, 1777. Term of enlistment, 3 years. Time of Service 30 months, 27 days, belonging to Massachusetts. Return dated Camp at Providence.

Ebenezer Kent Appears with rank of *Sergeant* on Continental Army Pay Accounts of Capt. . . . Co., Col. H. Jackson's Regt. for Service from June 4, 1777, to Dec. 31, 1779. Credited to town of *Medway*. Residence not given. Reported as the Major's Company. No Captain given.

Ebenezer Kent Appears with grade of *Sergeant* on A Depreciation Roll of Col. Henry Jackson's Regt. to make good the depreciation of Wages for the first three years' Service in the Continental Army from 1777 to 1780.

Eben Kent. Appears in a List of Men Enlisted into Continental Army from the County of Suffolk. He belonged to *Medway*, and enlisted for 3 years. Return made by Maj. Metcalf of Col. Wigglesworth's Regt. June 18, 1777.

Ebenezer Kent Appears with rank of *Sergeant* on A Pay abstract of Capt. Nathaniel Jarvis' Co., Col. Henry Jackson's Regt., for Service during Sept., 1778. Time of Service 1 month. Dated Pawtuxet, Nov. 1, 1778.

Ebenezer Kent Appears with rank of *Sergeant* on Muster and Pay Roll of Lt. T. Hunt's Co., Col. Henry Jackson's Regt., for Dec., 1778. Dated Pawtuxet, Jany. 12, 1779.

Ebenezer Kent Appears with rank of Sergeant on Pay Roll of Capt. Nathaniel Jarvis' Co., Col. Henry Jackson's Regt. (no date), for service from Jany. 31, 1778, to March 1, 1778. Time of Service 1 mo.

Ebenezer Kent Appears in a Return of Men enlisted into the Continental army from Capt. Lowell's (1st) Co., . . . Reg., dated *Medway*, Feb. 16, 1778, enlisted for Medway. Expiration of enlistment 1780. Joined Capt. G. Brown's Co. Col. Henry Jackson's Regt. Residence not given.

Ebenezer Kent Appears with rank of *Sergeant* on Pay Roll of Capt. Thomas Hunt's [4th] Co., Col. H. Jackson's Regt. (not dated), for Service from Feb. 28 to April 1, 1779; time of Service, 1 month. Sworn to Pawtuxet May 2, 1779.

Ebenezer Kent Appears with rank of *Sergeant* on Pay Roll of Maj. Lem'l Trescott's Co., Col. Henry Jackson's Regt. (no date), for Service from Sept. 30, 1779, to Nov. 1, 1779. Time of Service, 1 month.

Ebenezer Kent Appears with rank of *Sergeant* of X Co., Col. Henry Jackson's Regt., dated Providence, Aug. 4, 1779, for Service from July 1, 1779, to Aug. 1, 1779. Time of Service, 1 month. 8rd Company, Captain's name not given.

Ebenezer Kent Appears in a List of Men engaged for the Continental Service out of Col. Hawes' Regt., enlisted for town of *Medway* in Capt. Brown's Co., Col. Davis' Regt.

Ebenezer Kent Appears in a List of Men enlisted into Continental Army from County of Suffolk, Town belonging to unknown; enlisted for Medway.

Ebenezer Kent appears in a List of Men engaged for the Continental Service out of the 4th Suffolk Co. Regt. under Col. Benj. Hawes. Town belonging to unknown. Enlisted for Medway in Capt. G. Brown's Co., Col. H. Jackson's Regt. Term till 1780.

Ebenezer Kent Appears in a statement of Continental Balances with rank of Sergeant-Major in Col. Henry Jackson's Regt. Time engaged for During War.

Ebenezer Kent Appears with rank of *Sergt.-Major* in a Descriptive List of Enlisted Men *belonging to Charleston, Middlesex Co.; age, 22 years; Stature 5 ft. 11 in.; Complexion Dark; Hair Dark; Occupation, Founder. Enlisted Jan'y 1, 1780, for During War.* Joined Capt. Blanchard's Co., Col. H. Jackson's Regt.

Ebenezer Kent Appears with rank of *Sergeant-Major* on a Pay Abstract of Col. Henry Jackson's Regt. for Service for Oct.–Dec., 1780, engaged for During War. Dated Boston, June 9, 1781.

Ebenezer Kent Appears in a Return of Men Enlisted into the Continental Army, dated Jan'y, 1781. Enlisted Jan'y 1, 1780, by Col. Jackson. Served in Capt. Blanchard's Co., 9th Mass. Regt. Term of enlistment, During War. *He belonged to Charlestown.* Reported Sergeant-Major.

Ebenezer Kent Appears with rank of Sergeant-Major, on A Pay Abstract of Col. Henry Jackson's Regt. for 3 months in 1780. Autograph Signature appears on receipt.

Ebenezer Kent Appears in a Statement of Continental Balances with rank of . . . in Col. Henry Jackson's Regt. Certified March 9, 1780.

Ebenezer Kent Appears with rank of *Sergeant* on Pay Roll . . . Co., Henry Jackson's 16th Regt. (no date), for Service from Mar. 31, 1780, to May 1, 1780. Time of Service 1 month . . . Major's Co.

Ebenezer Kent Same as the last record above written except time of service which is from April 30, 1780, to June 1, 1780, 1 month.

Continental Army Books.

Ebenezer Kent Appears with Rank of *Sergeant* on Continental Army Pay Accounts of Capt. North's Co., Col. H. Jackson's Regt. for Service from Jan'y 1, 1780, to Dec. 31, 1780. Residence, Charlestown. Reported: 7 months' service as Sergeant: 5 months as Sergeant Major.

Boston Feby 19th 1781

May it please your Excellency Agreeable to a Resolve of Congress to fill the Vacancies in the Several Lines of the Army I recommend *Mr. Ebenezer Kent of this State* for a Warrant for an Ensigncy in my Regiment, that a Commission may be obtain'd from the Honorable the Board of War at Philadelphia

I am with the greatest Respect your Excellency's Most Obt Humble Sert

Henry Jackson Colonel

9th Massachusetts Regiment

N B. Wt made out To His Excellency John Hancock Esq.

In Council Feby 21–1781 — Ordered that a Warrant be made out for the officer above mentioned in order to his being Commissioned agreeable to a late Resolve of Congress. John Avery Secy.

Ebenezer Kent Appears Among a list of Officers as Nominated for *Ensign* in Col. Henry Jackson's [9th] Regt. Commissioned Feb. 21, 1781. Dated Boston, Feb. 19, 1781.

Ebenezer Kent Appears among a List of officers of the Mass. militia as *Ensign* in the . . . Co. of Col. H. Jackson's (9th) Regt. Commissioned Feby. 21, 1781. List of Promotions in Continental Army.

An Abstract for Three Months pay for *Ensign Ebenezer Kent* of the 9th *Massachusetts Regiment*, who is to march immediately to camp with Recruits

3 Months pay @ 20 Dollars pr month — hard money	New Emision £33.15 —

Boston June 5. 1781 T Pettingill Majr. 1st Mass Regt

This may Certify that the above named officer is requested to march to Camp immediately with a party of Recruits B Lincoln M.G.

In Council June 5. 1781 Rd & advised That a Wt be drawn on the Treasy in full of the above abstract

Watertown Octr. 29 1786 Sunday

Sir by order of Majr Genl Brooks I send to you for forty Cartridge Boxes. but one of my officers informs me he was at your store yesterday & the Boxes were out of Repair — but that some of them would answer. I have to request you would Let the bearer have as many as twenty if he thinks they will answer & his Receipt shall be Sufficient Voucher from yr H Servant

Ebenr. Kent *Capt*
Watertown Artilery

Richd Devens Esqr. Comry Genl

Cambridge Nov 1. 1786

Sir please to Issue one Days Provision & Rum for the Compy under my Command Consisting Thirty five men

Ebenr. Kent Capt Artillery

Richd. Divens Esq Comy Genl.

Cambridge Nov 2d. 1786.

Sir please to Issue two days Provision for my Compsy. Consisting Thirty five men. Officers included they being ordered To Tarry by Genl Brooks.

Ebenr Kent *Capt Watertown Artillery.*

SHAY'S REBELLION.

Pay Roll of *Capt. E. Kents* Compy of Artillery Detachd to Western Counties in Jany 1787

Ebenr Kent rank Capt. Time Detached Jany 26 Time Returned Jany 30 — Number of Days in Service 5. pay per month £10.0.0 Total amount pay £1.13.4

I Certify that the above Roll is Just & true according to the best of my Knowledge

Ebenr Kent *Capt Artillery*

Ebenr. Kent Appears on Pay Roll of Capt. E. Kent's Comp'y of Artillery (with rank of Captain) Detachd. to Western Counties in Jan'y, 1787. Service, 5 days from Jan'y 26 to Jan'y 30, 1787.

Jany 30th. 1795 In the House of Representatives — On the petition of *Ebenezer Kent* praying he may be paid his expences in *building a Gun House in the town of Watertown.* Resolved: that the prayer of the petition be granted, that there be paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth to Ebenezer Kent the sum of fifteen pounds in full of his expences in building said House In Senate. Read and concurred Approved by the Governor

June 22. 1797 To *Ebenr. Kent* Capt of Artillery for removing Cannon &c to June 19. 1797 . . . . . 6.00

Ebenezer Kent Appears among A list of Men In Henry Jackson's Regt. entitled to 200 Acres of land or $20 in Money, by resolve of Court March 5, 1801.

EBENEZER[5] had children by first wife:

I. CHARLES,[6] b. July 27, 1784.

II. POLLY, b. Mch. 7, 1788.

And by second wife:

III. LUCY.

IV. BETSEY.

V. MARY.

VI. WILLIAM VINAL,[6] b. May 28, 1795, in Watertown.

WILLIAM AUSTIN,[5] son of Ebenez.,[4] Ebenez.,[3] John,[2] moved to Concord, N.H., in 1789, where he was elected representative 1795, 1801, '03, '04, and *State Senator* 1809, '13, '14. He held the office of hogreeve 1791–1800. Was a shareholder in Concord Bridge 1795, the Federal Bridge 1798. In 1788 he made a deposition in Boston. He was but a boy when the British burned Charlestown, Mass., where he was living with his mother. The dwelling-house and a small store of the mother was consumed, and the family lived in an interior town for months. On their return to Charlestown he became apprentice as a tin-plate worker in the shop and store of Deacon Newell, of Boston. This business, together with the West India trade, he continued in Concord.

By act of the Legislature, June 18, 1806, he is named as one of the incorporators by the name of the President, Directors and Company of the Concord Bank, "for a period of twenty years, with a capital of not less than $50,000 nor more than $200,000 in specie." In proceeding to organize for the transaction of business under their charter, special difficulties were encountered, growing chiefly, it is said, out of questions of location and management. Already there was a "North End" and a "South end" interest. In the former was Hon. Timothy Walker, and in the latter Col. William A. Kent. The result, however, was two banks went into operation under the same charter, one called "The Upper Bank," and the other "The Lower Bank," each claiming exclusively to be the "Concord Bank" of the Lower Bank. Joseph Thorne of Hopkinton was president, and William A. Kent cashier.

By request of William A. Kent and others, in 1810, the Selectmen of this year laid out a lot in which to confine swine found running at large. As a compensation for the land taken, among the awards is to William A. Kent twenty-five cents.

At the annual town meeting in March, 1813, some of the volunteer soldiers attempted to vote contrary to the decision of the Moderator, Col. William A. Kent, thus referred to in the town records:

"Voted, That the conduct of one McCoy, a volunteer in the service of the United States, and not belonging to this town in attempting yesterday in defiance of the Moderator of the Meeting to Vote for State and County officers — deserves Severe Censure: but his act of Collaring the Moderator while in the exercise of his official duty we Consider an outrage of the most destructive Character

"Voted — That the thanks of this Meeting be given to William A Kent Esq, the Moderator, for his temperate, resolute and judicious conduct upon that occasion"

SIXTH COMPANY OF VOLUNTEERS, 1814.

The meeting preliminary to forming the above company was held September 10, at Stickney's Hall: Col. Wm. A. Kent, chairman; Seth Tucker, clerk. A committee consisting of Col. Wm. A. Kent, Stephen Ambrose, Jonathan Eastman, Isaac Dow and John George, reported preamble and resolution which was adopted. Hon. Wm. A. Kent among others was appointed a committee to give information and form a plan, etc., for the association which was duly organized.

Town offices &c.: March 12, 1805. Representative, William A. Kent.
March 14, 1809, & March 13, 1810. Moderator, William A. Kent.
March 9, 1812. Moderator, William A. Kent.
March 12-13, 1811. Auditor, William A. Kent.
March 9-10-1813. Moderator, William Austin Kent.

Col. WM. A. KENT, as a young man, dressed neatly and expensively. In 1833 he sold one acre of land near the Unitarian Church to Mr. Call for $3,500. In Feb., 1833, Mrs. Kent was quite feeble and had a severe cough. She d. on the 28th, after being an invalid for many months. Her first husband left her an annuity of $4,000, but she left no will and only one child, Mrs. Nash, and her child. The weather was cold and blustering on the day of her funeral, and the snow blew greatly.

W. A. Kent's affairs, politically and financially, worried him during the latter part of his life, being very much depressed at times. He was Justice of the Peace 1796. He received his commission as colonel from being aid to Gov. Gilman several years. He gave the land on State St. for the 1st Baptist Church.

ERECTION OF THE STATE HOUSE.

In 1816 the inhabitants of the South End were in favor of the location at or near where the State House now stands. Especially interested and active in securing their object were the late *Col. William A. Kent*, Gov. Isaac Hill and William Low.

THE LOT ON which the State House is erected, Containing about two acres formerly belonged to the estate of Peter Green, Esq., — On the north-east part of it stood the house of Capt. Peter Robertson, which house was sold to *Mr. William Kent* and moved to Pleasant Street where it still stands.

MARCH 11th, 1818. *William A. Kent* appointed on a Committee to visit the schools.

SEPTEMBER 2, 1819. Richard Bradly was appointed an agent to settle or defend the suit commenced against the town of Concord by Ephraim Farnum, Jr. This Suit was to recover from the town the Value of a horse belonging to Mr. Farnum, hired to *Col. William Kent* to go to Boston, and which horse, with a chaise, run off a bridge, just north of the house of the late Dea. Wilkins in the time of a high freshet, and was drowned. Mr. Farnum failed to recover.

AT THE ANNUAL Meeting in March, 1821, upon recommendation of a Committee previously appointed, Consisting of Samuel Sparhawk, Charles Walker and *William A. Kent*, the town Voted to provide a book "for the purpose of entering therein all returns of roads."

MAY 28, 1824. On Tuesday morning, the 18th instant, at nine o'clock, the corner stone for the new brick meeting house now building in this town by the First Calvinistic Baptist Society of Concord. The house is located on the east side of State street, on land presented to the Society by the *Hon. William A. Kent*, about forty rods south of the State House.

THE 48th anniversary of American Independence was celebrated on Monday, the 5th of June. An original Song by *George Kent, Esq.*, was sung.

1826 — At the Annual town Meeting in March *William A. Kent*, Joseph Walker and Abel Hutchins Were chosen a "Committee to take into Consideration the subject of Selling the interest or right the town may have in the meeting-house."

IN 1829 *William A. Kent*, Robert Davis and Joseph Low were appointed a Committee to invest the principal of the Parsonage fund in bank stock, or Such public Stocks as, in their judgement would be for the interest of the town. The Same Committee were authorized to make a Similar investment of the School and Literary Funds belonging to the town.

NAMES OF STREETS [1834].

The Street west of Green Street recently laid out through land of *George Kent* should be called Spring Street and shall extend from Pleasant Street northerly to Centre Street. The plot of ground appropriated by *George Kent Esq.* for a public Square Containing about five acres, lying between Merrimack and Rumford Streets, Shall be called Rumford Square. The committee appointed to name Streets were — *William A. Kent*, Abiel Walker and Timothy Chandler.

JUNE 22d [1825] Concord was honored by the presence of the immortal La Fayette. Great preparations were made for his reception. Met on the town line between Concord and Pembroke, he was addressed by the *Hon William A Kent*, Chairman of the Committee of arrangements as follows: . . . During his sojourn in town the General was the guest of *Hon. William A. Kent*, at whose house a great number of ladies and gentlemen had the pleasure of a private introduction to him.

THE FIRST PUBLIC Measures for a temperance Society in Concord were taken on Fast Day, April 1, 1830, by a meeting of the Old North Church on Thursday the 8th at the Town Hall a constitution was adopted, a Society organized and officers chosen. *William Kent* was chosen one of the executive Committee.

ON TUESDAY EVENING April 6th, 1830, a meeting was held at the Town Hall in Concord to consider the project of a railroad through this State and Vermont. *Hon. William A. Kent* was chosen chairman. The project was approved and a Committee appointed to correspond on the Subject, viz.: *William A Kent*, Timothy Chandler, Dudley S Palmer, Stephen Ambrose, Jeremiah Pecker, Joseph Low, *George Kent*, Samuel Coffin, Samuel Fletcher and Asa McFarland.

A PUBLIC DINNER was given in Concord, by the Whigs of New Hampshire, on the 30th of September, 1834, the toasts were read by *George Kent, Esq.*

AT A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, October 10, 1836, *William A. Kent*, Robert Davis and Joseph Low, having charge of the parsonage and school funds, were authorized to invest the same in two hundred shares of the Concord Railroad. The same Committee were empowered and directed, for and in behalf of the town, to subscribe for 500 shares of Concord Railroad stock, and to borrow a sum not exceeding $30,000, at not more than six per cent interest, redeemable after 1845.

SPECIAL MEETING, June 15, 1839. Insane Hospital. Robert Davis, *William A. Kent* and Joseph Low were appointed a committee to secure said sum (income accruing from the surplus revenue of the United States, now received by the town.) *William A. Kent* was appointed on a committee to locate the site.

In the summer of 1835 George Thompson, a celebrated anti-slavery lecturer from England, came to this country, and in the month of August visited Concord. Sept. 4 a meeting was advertized to be holden at the Court House, to be attended by George Thompson and John G. Whittier. This notice produced intense excitement.

Gen. Robert Davis, chairman of the board of selectmen, called on *George Kent, Esq.*, a friend of Mr. Thompson, and advised that the meeting should not be held. At the hour appointed persons of both parties began to assemble at the Town Hall. Soon three men were seen approaching, of whom one was supposed to be Thompson. These three were immediately assailed by the multitude with tumultuous shouts. Dirt and gravel were thrown at them, and they were followed to the house of *Col. William A. Kent* when the people were assured that Thompson was not one of the number. Next the multitude — about two hundred — went to the house of *George Kent, Esq.*, where Thompson was hospitably entertained. Aware of their approach, Thompson left the house, and Mr. Kent also withdrew, leaving the house in charge of Mrs Kent. Just at this time Gen. Davis arrived and ascertained that Thompson was not in the house, and that Mrs. Kent was sick, notified the people, and all moved off together.

William A.,[5] mar. 1st, in Hanover, Mass., May 3, 1792, *Charlotte*, youngest dau. of Rev. John and Rebecca *Mellen*, of Hanover, Mass., by whom all of his children were born. She was mar. by her father, and was sister of Prentiss Mellen, Chief Justice of Maine. She d. May 6, 1820, aged 52. He mar. *2nd*, *Margaret Tucker*, a widow of Roxbury, Mass., who d. Feb. 28, 1833, aged 57. He retained his usual health until a week before his death, Apl. 7, 1840, from inflammation of the bowels. His first wife, Charlotte Mellen, was admitted to the 1st Cong. Ch. of Hanover, Mass. (her mother from the Church of Christ, Lancaster, 1784), Aug. 8, 1790. Her sister Mary mar. Dr. Nathl. Parker, of Salem, Mch. 12, 1787. Her mother d. Jany. 10, 1802, of asthma, aged 75. Her father, the Rev. John, b. Hopkinton, Mch. 14, 1722, grad. Harvard Coll. 1741, settled Sterling, Mass., then in Hanover, Mass., and d. Reading July 4, 1807. (See Church and Cemetery Records, Hanover, by Briggs.)

Moody Kent in his diary writes:

Mrs. Mary Kent, the *mother of Col. Wm. A. Kent* was b. abt. 1737. She had 3 brothers one went to sea & died abroad at the age of 28, another was a Goldsmith & Jeweller and boarded in the same family 26 years, he d. at the age of 67 unmarried. The other was a brazier, mar. dau. of the late Dr. Rand of Cambridge or Charlestown & Sister of Dr. Rand of Boston whom I have seen. He had several (6) children to wit *one* who died young and unmarried & whom I knew nothing about, *David* who is perhaps still living, *Gen Austin* the sheriff of Middlesex, was probably b. abt. 1774. he is rich & respectable & has never been married, *Wm. Austin* is a lawyer settled in Charlestown He was a junior *at H. C while I was Freshman.* I suppose he must be about 50 years old. b. about 1776. *He once fought a duel & was wounded. Mrs. Brooks* is now a widow & lives in Charlestown or somewhere in that region & has several children as I am told *Mrs. Adams*, the wife of Dr. Adams a physician lived when young at Concord, and is often named by Concord people. They always speak of her as

amiable & in all respects a worthy woman. She has several children I have seen her but know not much about her.

"*Mr Kent* was mar to . . . Kent about the year . . . and by him had 3 children, *Huldah Ebenezer* & *William Austin* Huldah is Mrs Evans whom I have known so long in Concord and Wm Austin is the Col whom I have known as long. Ebenezer I never saw I believe he lived in Charlestown & died there since I came to Concord. He has been represented to me rich, to be a good husband & he probably died poor leaving several children but no wife Charles Little in Pittston Va is said to be a merchant *Lucy* was in Concord when I came here. She went to Virginia about 1810. Mary is Mrs. Porter in Dover, and Eliza is Mrs. Tucker lives in Boston and has a large family."

WILLIAM A.[5] and CHARLOTTE MELLEN KENT had children:

I. WILLIAM,[6] b. Apl. 2, 1793.

II. CHARLOTTE MELLEN, b. Oct. 25, 1794; mar. Hon. James H. Bingham, of Alstead, a grad. of *Dartmouth College* and classmate of Daniel Webster.

III. GEORGE,[6] b. May 4, 1796.

IV. CAROLINE, b. Jan'y 21, 1798; mar. Prof. Sam'l P. Newman, of Bowdoin College, a grad. of *Harvard College*.

V. JOHN,[6] b. May 10, 1800; d. Jan'y 6, 1826, of phthisis (or July 13, 1835). He was a member of the Old South Church, Boston, and a young man of great promise and moral worth (see Hist. of Old Concord).

VI. EDWARD,[6] b. Jan'y 8, 1802.

VII. MARY JANE, b. June 23, 1806; mar. Rev. Moses G. Thomas, a grad. of *Brown University*.

VIII. REBECCA PRENTISS, b. Feb. 17, 1808; mar. Rev. Charles Packard, a grad. of *Bowdoin College*.

WILLIAM,[5] son of Wm.,[4] owned land and had descendants, as shown by the following deeds:

William Kent, Jun. Executor of will of John Joyce made sale of property of heirs of said John Joyce. Dated. Jan'y 1st. 1824.

Faith Joyce of Marshfield in consideration of $50.00 paid by *Caroline Kent* of *Marshfield, singlewoman*, conveyed the half my dwelling together with the land on which the house stands with right of way to & from the same through the land I this day conveyed to *Wm. Kent of Hingham*. Dated July 8 1840.

Faith Joyce of Marshfield, spinster, in consideration of $150.00 paid by *William Kent* of *Hingham, Shipwright*, conveyed ½ a parcel of land in Marshfield containing 37 acres, which I own in common with my sister Lydia Joyce with the barn & other out buildings thereon my half of dwelling house & the land on which it now stands not being included but have this day given a deed of the same to Caroline Kent of Marshfield — The above land is bounded by land formerly belonging to the farm & sold to William Stevens, by land of Joshua Loring & Wm. Lewis. Dated July 8 A.D. 1840.

Faith Joyce & Lydia Joyce of Marshfield, in consideration of $1.00 paid by *William Kent, Jr. of Marshfield, Housewright*, conveyed 1 acre 3 quarters, more or less, of the homestead of our late father John Joyce, deceased, lying in Marshfield on the Southwesterly side of the road leading from Daniel Lewis'

to Benjamin Keen's & bounded by land of Catharine Lewis &c. Dated March 13, 1844.

William Kent, Jr. of Marshfield, shipwright, in consideration of one dollar & other considerations paid by Lydia Joyce, conveyed land in said Marshfield. Dated, March 13, A.D. 1844.

William Kent, Jr. of Marshfield, shipwright, in consideration of one dollar & her interest in land around my dwelling house conveyed land equal in value. Dated March 13, 1844.

An indenture between Lydia Joyce, singlewoman & *William Kent, Jr. Shoemaker*, both of Marshfield, in which they agree to make partition & division of a tract of land in Marshfield, being a part of the late Homestead of John Joyce late of Marshfield, deceased, bounded by land of Sybil White & John A. White, land of Benjamin Keen & heirs of Wm. Lewis & land of Joshua Loring. Said Wm. Kent, Jr. shall hold all that part of the above premises that lies on the Southwesterly & Westerly side of the above described line. Dated March 29, 1847.

In the Name of God Amen, I *William Kent* of *Marshfield* in the County of Plymouth and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being in ill health, and of a sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament. First, I give and bequeath unto my beloved *wife Harriet Kent*, the use, income, and improvement of all my estate, both real and personal, after paying all my just debts and incidental expenses, during her natural life. Second. After the decease of my wife, I give and bequeath unto my *daughter Harriet Keep, wife of Samuel Keep of East Boston*, one Feather bed. Third. I give and bequeath unto my *daughter Vesta Sprague, wife of George Sprague* of *Duxbury* the feather bed that she now has in her possession. Fourth. I give and bequeath unto my *daughter Susan Kent* one feather bed. Fifth. I give and bequeath unto my *daughter Lucy Robbins, wife of William A. Robbins* of Boston one feather bed. Sixth. I give, bequeath and devise unto my *daughter Susan Kent*, a convenient right in my dwelling-house, and a comfortable support from my estate during her life, if she should need it over and above her own means of support. All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate both real and personal, I give, bequeath and devise unto my *son, William M. Kent*, with the understanding that he has the right to improve and care for his own benefit, and for the comfort of his parents. Lastly, I hereby appoint my said *son, William M. Kent* sole executor of this my last will and testament, and that he may not be required to give surety or sureties on his official bond.

In witness whereof, I the said William Kent have hereunto set my hand and seal this the sixth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven.

WILLIAM KENT.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said William Kent to be his last will and testament in presence of us, who in his presence, and in presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses.

Benjamin F. H. Keen.
Smith Taylor.
Nathaniel Taylor.

There was a *Wm. B. Kent* in Medway, Mass., 1885; also one *Wm. P. Kent* volunteered for 9 mos. in the 51st Mass. Regt. from Upton during the Rebellion.

ELISHA,[5] son of Wm.,[4] mar. *B. Sprague*, and owned land in Marshfield, as shown by the following:

Jacob Ames of Marshfield, mariner, in consideration of $300 paid by *Elisha Kent of Marshfield yeoman*, conveyed the farm on which said Jacob now dwells, lying in Marshfield, contain 20 acres, with buildings thereon being same land conveyed by Luke Hall to Jon^s^. Chandler by deed dated Jan. 16 — 1804. Dated, Nov. 6 — 1821.

Elisha Kent, of Marshfield, yeoman, administrator of the estate of Abner Eames, yeoman, late of Marshfield, deceased, conveyed part of said estate. Dated, May 17, 1832.

Elisha Kent of Marshfield, yeoman, adm^r^. of estate of Abner Eames, yeoman, sold a part of real estate of said Abner Eames, deceased. Dated, May 21st, 1832.

Elisha Kent of Marshfield, yeoman, administrator of the estate of Abner Eames, yeoman, of Marshfield, deceased, sold a part of real estate of said Abner Eames. Dated, May 21 — 1832.

Elisha Kent of Marshfield, Adm^r^. of estate of Abner Eames, sold real estate of said Eames. Dated, April 30, 1832.

PELEG,[5] son of Peleg [4] or Elisha, prob. mar. *Sarah Thomas*, of Marshfield. The following show transfers of land between him, his son, and others:

John Ford of Marshfield, Gentleman, in consideration of $500. paid by *Peleg Kent, Jun. of Marshfield, yeoman*, conveyed about 11 acres & 3 quarters of land lying in Marshfield, and is part of my homestead or farm, on which I now live, bounded by the High way, land of Melzar Sprague, Chandler Sampson, & is chiefly land that John Baker sold to my late *father Elisha Ford*. Dated Feb. 13 — A.D. 1813.

Chandler Sampson, adm^r^. of Estate of Asa Walker late of Marshfield in consideration of $495.18 paid by *Peleg Kent* of Marshfield, yeoman, conveyed part of the homestead of said deceased, bounded by land of Nathl. Sprague, including part of the barn, containing 5½ acres & 7 rods, reserving to Lydia Walker, widow, of the said Asa the improvement during her life of 31 sq. rods of the same being in the Orchard. Also a wood lot containing 5 acres 3 quarters & 25 rods. Dated March 15 — 1822.

Peleg Kent of Marshfield, yeoman & *Sarah Thomas Kent wife of Peleg* in consideration of $415.00 paid by Jabez Hatch of Marshfield, yeoman conveyed land lying in Marshfield. Dated, Feb'y 20, A.D. 1823.

Jabez Hatch of Marshfield, yeoman, Katurah Hatch wife of Jabez in consideration of $490.00 paid by *Peleg Kent* of Marshfield, yeoman, conveyed a lot of improved land in Marshfield containing 12 acres, 3 quarters & 15 rods, being the Westerly part that was lately Joshua Bakers' homestead farm which he sold to James Keith. Dated, Feb. 20, 1823.

John B. Stoddard of Boston, Guardian of John Stoddard of Marshfield, spendthrift, & Rachel B. Stoddard wife of John Stoddard in consideration of $30.06 paid by *Peleg Kent*, of Marshfield, yeoman, conveyed 1½ acres and 31 rods of woodland in Marshfield, being a part of the 17 lot of what was formerly the Commons in Marshfield. Dated, Dec. 16, A.D. 1828.

Eden W. Howland, Housewright of Marshfield, in consideration of $50. to me paid by *Peleg Kent yeoman*, & *Phebe Kent*, both of Marshfield, conveyed about 73 rods of land in Marshfield. Dated, Feb. 28, 1829.

Edwd. Drake of Pembroke, blacksmith, in consideration of $115.16 paid by *Peleg Kent* of Marshfield, yeoman, conveyed 5½ acres & 30 rods of salt meadow situate in South River marsh in Marshfield and bounded by land of Jonathan Sprague of Marshfield, James Sprague & others. Dated April 12, 1830.

Peleg Kent, yeoman, & *Phebe Kent, singlewoman*, both of Marshfield, in consideration of $50.00 paid by Eden W. Howland of Marshfield housewright, conveyed land in Marshfield. Dated April 14, 1835.

Ichabod Wadsworth, adm^r. of estate of Nathl. Wadsworth, yeoman, in consideration of $301. paid by *Peleg Kent* conveyed 11 acres 3 quarters & 32 rods of woodland in *Duxbury* bounded by land of Melzar Lapham, & Abisha Stetson & als. Dated, March 1st 1841.

Francis G. Ford, Exec^r. of the Will of Waterman Ford late of Marshfield, yeoman, in consideration of $352.00 paid by *Peleg Kent of Marshfield* conveyed a part of the homestead farm of said Waterman Ford in Marshfield containing 7½ acres 24 rods & bounded by land of Luther Sprague, Caleb Thomas, Chandler Sampson, & James Keith. Dated, Nov. 10, A.D. 1841.

W^m. Weston & Sophronia Weston, his wife of Marshfield, in consideration of $136.00 paid by *Peleg Kent* of Marshfield, yeoman, conveyed 4 acres of woodland in *Marshfield Plain in Marshfield*, being a part of the 26 lot of the second Division of the Marshfield Commons & bounded by land of Lemuel Packard, Asa Waterman & Chandler Sampson. Dated, Feb. 14, 1846.

Sumner B. Baker & Calvin Baker, of Marshfield Cordwainers, in consideration of $500. paid by *Peleg Kent*, of Marshfield, yeoman, conveyed a lot of land containing 7 acres with a dwelling house & out buildings thereon, lying in Marshfield, near the *Upper Factory*, & is the same owned & occupied by Bradford Baker, bounded by the Upper Factory Pond & land of heirs of Luther Sprague &c. Dated Sep. 28, 1849.

David Oldham of Pembroke, Esq. in consideration of $182.79 paid by *Peleg S. Kent of Marshfield, shipwright*, conveyed 25 acres 34 rods of woodland in Marshfield & is part of lot sold by Polly Phillips to Aurora W. Oldham & bounded by land of Joshua Loring &c. Dated January 15, 1839.

Jabez Hatch of Marshfield, blacksmith, in consideration of $41.12 paid by *Peleg S. Kent* of Marshfield, Shipwright, conveyed 7 acres of woodland in Marshfield, being a part I purchased of David Oldham & bounded by land of George Bailey, Asa Sherman & land of said Kent. Dated May 1st. 1839.

Peleg S. Kent of East Boston, Shipwright, in consideration of $150.00 paid by Peleg Kent, of Marshfield, yeoman, conveyed woodland in Marshfield. Dated, Feb. 5th. A.D. 1841.

James Keith of Medford, Co. of Middlesex, in consideration of $144.37 paid by *Peleg S. Kent of Marshfield*, conveyed a piece of woodland in Marshfield, lying near said Kent's, containing 7½ acres, being the same I purchased of *Alden Briggs of Pembroke*, & bounded by land of Proctor Bournes & James Ford, & Luther Sprague. Dated, Feb. 8th. 1846.

In Attleborough, Mass., one *Peleg H. Kent* was a member of the Rifle Corps 1815–33. There was also here a *Charles E. Kent*, 1865, and a *D. D. Kent, H. L. Kent, Mabel* and *Ida Kent*, and a *Hannah Kent*, who mar. 1st, Jonathan Bliss, 2d, Otis Capron, who d. 1845, aged 78.

NATHANIEL,[5] son of Warren,[4] resided Kent's Hill, Me.; mar. *Mary* or *Polly Hunt*, and had children:

I. WILLIAM H.,[6] who mar. *Charlotte Cofran*, of Vienna, Me., and resides in Mendocino, Cal.

II. ELIZA, deceased 1841.

III. MARY ANN (*Marianne*), mar. June 27, 1847, Daniel H. Thing, of Mt. Vernon, Me.

IV. WARREN, b. Oct. 20, 1825; d. Aug. 3, 1827.

V. Roswell S.,[6] b. 1828.
VI. Emily M., mar. Lyman R. Mace, of Boston.

DWELLE,[5] son of Warren,[4] mar. 1st, *Waitsdel Wing*, of Wayne, Me., by whom he had 5 children. He mar. 2nd, *Susannah Knight*, b. Falmouth, Me., May 19, 1798; mar. in Wayne. By her he also had 3 children.

Children of Dwelle Kent:[5]

I. Mary, b. July 24, 1819;
mar. Michael Rich, of Boston, and had 9 chil.: **1.** Leander, d. young. **2.** Mary Elizabeth, mar. Simeon Leavitt, of Boston. **3.** Julia, b. 1844; mar. Joseph W. Paine, of Boston. **4.** Warren M., mar. Augusta Marson, of Boston. **5.** Reuben, mar. Elizabeth Allen, of Charlestown. **6.** Charles D., d. young. **7.** Ellen Frances, d. young. **8.** William, b. Feb., 1855; mar. Florence K. Woodworth, of Somerville. **9.** George, b. Apl., 1858.

II. Lucy Ann, b. Feb., 1821, Kent's Hill; d. Dec. 30, 1852;
she mar. Lemuel May, of Jamaica Plain, Mass., and had 2 chil.: Benjamin, who mar. Sarah Moffitt, of Northbridge Centre, Mass., and Edward, who was b. Dec., 1852, and d. 1857.

III. Elisha T.,[6] b. 1822; d. July, 1882; mar. 1st, *Elizabeth Lund*, of Boston; 2nd, *Margaret Dolliver*. He had one child, *George*,[7] b. in Melrose.

IV. Nancy R., b. Dec., 1824; d. Aug., 1882;
she mar. Joseph Locke, of Boston, and had 5 chil.: **1.** Joseph H., mar. Emma Goodwin. **2.** Edward, d. young. **3.** Leander, mar. Addie Howe. **4.** Mary Alice, mar. Thos. Walmsley. **5.** Simeon, b. July, 1855; mar. in Boston.

V. William, d. young.

VI. Warren,[6] b. Dec. 15, 1831, at Fayette, Me.

VII. Amos,[6] b. Oct. 30, 1833; d. Oct., 1864.

VIII. Bethiah, b. Nov. 22, 1836;
mar. Geo. H. Webster, of Boston, Dec. 13, 1854, and had 4 chil.: **1.** George H., b. Nov. 8, 1855; mar. Linna Chase, May 23, 1888. **2.** Charles Dwelle, b. May 30, 1858; mar. Clara Varrel, Sept. 6, 1881, and d. Nov. 18, 1881. **3.** William Herbert, b. Mch. 15, 1862; mar. Nellie Hodges, June 11, 1884. **4.** Annie Isabel, b. July 3, 1870.

MARTIN H.,[5] son of Warren,[4] mar. *Almira or Elmira Knight* (b. Apl. 3, 1813), of Wayne, Apl. 2, 1837. They had chil., b. in Fayette, Me.:

I. Frederick H.,[6] b. Mch. 31, 1838; mar. *Augusta Smith*, of Litchfield, Me., Mch. 15, 1868, and resides in Winterset, Ia.

II. Sarah Jane, b. July 26, 1839; mar. Alfred Whitte-

more, of Litchfield, Me., Dec. 1, 1865, and d. Maplewood, Mass., Feb. 3, 1894.

III. ANNIE MARCELLEN, b. Sept. 2, 1840; mar. Thurston Smith, of Litchfield, Aug. 2, 1863, and is since deceased.

IV. WILLIAM WARREN,[6] b. Mch. 19, 1842; d. in Fayette, Me.

V. CHARLES FRANCIS,[6] b. Aug. 21, 1843; d. in the Civil War.

VI. MARY ELIZA, b. Nov. 20, 1844; mar. May 1, 1878, Josiah Smith, of Everett, Mass.

VII. CHARLOTTE, b. Oct. 5, 1846; d. in Charlestown, Mass.

VIII. GEORGE WASHINGTON,[6] b. May 12, 1848; mar. *Victoria Hodgdon.*

IX. EUNICE ELIZABETH, b. Mch. 9, 1850; d. young.

X. ARTHUR DRINKWATER,[6] b. May 12, 1852; d. in Fayette, Me.

XI. EMMA ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 17, 1854; d. Fayette.

XII. WILLIE MARTIN,[6] b. June 9, 1857; mar. *Mary Gordon*, at Readfield, Nov. 28, 1878, and d. at Fayette.

XIII. NELLIE BETHIAH, b. Nov. 28, 1858; d. at Fayette.

One *Charles Kent*, of Kent's Hill, mar. Hannah, dau. of Daniel Thing, who was b. Jan'y 23, 1820.

JOSEPH[5] and **JOHN**[5] (and possibly their brothers **WILLIAM**[5] and **DAVID,**[5]), sons of Sam'l,[4] Sam'l,[3] Joseph,[2] moved to Wayland, Mass.

At Framingham, the adjoining town, we find that in 1822 JOHN and MARY KENT were members of Christ's Church, and dis. to E. Sudbury 1832. In 1815 one JOHN Kent, a carriage maker, bought land in Framingham and blt. a house; becoming deaf in 1832, he removed to Wayland, where he d. Mch. 27, 1852. He mar. *Mary Goddard*, of Cambridge, in May, 1816, and had children:

I. JOHN,[6] b. Oct. 27, 1817; drowned July 26, 1825.

II. MARY, b. Oct. 29, 1819.

III. HARRIET, b. 1821.

IV. ELIZABETH, b. 1824.

V. THOS. S.[6] and SAM'L D.,[6] b. 1827. T. S. d. young.

VI. THOMAS G.,[6] b. Dec. 12, 1829; *grad. Yale Coll. 1851*; studied law at Winchendon, and with Judge Edw. Mellen; admitted to the bar at Worcester Oct., 1853, and began practice in Milford. He has received 4 appointments as Justice of the Peace, and in 1868–9 was Representative to the Gen'l Court. He mar. 1st, Annie E., dau. of Peter and Sarah Freeland Snyder, b. Claverack, N.Y., abt. 1840, d. Dec., 1863; 2d, Aug. 21, 1866, Charlotte Eliz., dau. Rev. James T. and Augustus Porter Woodbury, b. Nov. 3, 1846, d. June 21, 1877. No children.

In 1856 CHARLES KENT resided here, and ALVIN W. had a child, *Celia R.*, b. here.

Albion S. Kent, of Boston, mar. Eliz. McDonald, of Framingham, Oct. 3, 1853, and had dau. Jane, b. Sept. 11, 1854.

In Worcester, only a few miles away, there was in 1861–70 a SAM'L W. KENT; and on Feby. 19, 1836, *Dolly*, the wife of *Thos. V. Kent*, was buried here, aged 39.

Chas. F. Kent, a manufacturer, was here in 1880.

P. G. Kent and brother ran a mill here in 1889, which was blt. by their father. P. G. Kent was then of Jamesville. In 1872 he operated a flannel mill near Rochdale. Other Kents not located are: *Jonathan P.*, b. 1814; d. Woburn, Dec. 13, 1877. *Ella G.* Davis, wife of *Albert L. Kent*, of Woburn, was b. June 6, 1853; d. Dec. 23, 1885. *Mrs. Eliza Kent*, of Providence, wife of Joseph Brown. *Calvin Kent*, of Grafton, who mar. Hadassah Kingsbury, and had (1) John, b. 1832; (2) Marcus, b. 1834; (3) Geo. W., b. 1838, d. 1874. One Dr. Maude Kent grad. Boston University 1886.

In WENHAM, MASS., 1st Cong. Church, adm. July 7, 1839, Louisa Resbeaux, wife of *Col. Henry S. Kent*, and 1854, Nancy Kimball, wife of *Joseph G. Kent*.

BENJAMIN,[5] son of Samuel,[4] Samuel,[3] Joseph,[2] born May 25, 1794, in that part of Somerville which was originally Cambridge. He *grad. Harv. Coll. 1820*, when he entered the Theological School, Cambridge, and was ordained June 7, 1826, as colleague with Rev. Dr. John Allyn, of Duxbury.

Extract from Sermon preached at the Ordination of The Rev. BENJAMIN KENT, as Associate Pastor with The Rev. John Allyn, D.D., in the Congregational Church in Duxbury, June 7, 1826, by Convers Francis, minister of Watertown. Text, 2 Corinthians, i. 24. "Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy."

"But from the general considerations suggested by the text, it is more than time to turn to the thoughts, which belong more immediately to the present occasion. At the altar of the sanctuary, we hallow the tie, which binds together the pastor and the flock, — and may God make the union long, and bright, and happy. Our young friend, who is about to be stationed in this field of sacred duty, is not now for the first time brought to reflect on the obligations and the responsibleness of the Christian ministry. He has before thought of them much and anxiously; and he enters upon this consecrated relation with all that solicitude, which youth and inexperience may well be expected to feel at such an hour as this. But we are persuaded, he comes hither 'in the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ,' prepared to give his best faculties, and his purest affections, an offering in the holy service of his Master. We trust that, animated by the willing kindness, the unfeigned respect of the people to whom his labors are now to be devoted; aided by the affection, the experience, and the wisdom of the associated pastor, who has stood before him, and will now stand with him in this place; and whose hands and heart he has come to strengthen; and — more than all — guided by light and girt with power from on high, he will find relief from every anxiety, solace in every trial, and a blessing on every effort. May God give him the portion of that servant, whom the joyful sentence, 'Well done,' shall finally welcome to reward and glory in the upper world.

"To the senior pastor, who has so long labored and watched for the welfare of his people, this must be a day of deep interest. It presents to him, we believe, 'a helper of his joy,' one who will lighten his burdens, diminish his cares, and

brighten the decline of life. . . . This Christian church and society cannot be insensible to the solemn interest, which the occasion has for them. The relation, in which they will stand to each of their pastors, is of a tender and sacred character. We cannot suppose, brethren, that your confidence, gratitude, and respect towards him, who has so long been with you in the work of the ministry, will decline. And your junior pastor, we doubt not, you will receive as 'the minister of God for good' to you. We congratulate you on the prospect of your connexion with one, whom we can with such heartfelt sincerity recommend to your confidence, and who, we have so many reasons to believe, will be a blessing to you. If you would make him happy, love and cherish religion; let him not spend life and grow old without seeing any fruit of his exertions: let him not carry with him to the bed of death the agonizing thought, that he has lived and labored in vain."

The charge was given by John Allyn, D.D., of Duxbury. Extract from the charge: "My young friend, we are henceforth to labor together; and may God prosper our mutual efforts to strengthen the things which remain and are ready to die, and God grant you many years of usefulness and happiness. You must increase, but I must decrease. Having for some time felt my incompetency to discharge all the duties expected of a minister, and having wished for an associate, my satisfaction is this day completed by a connexion formed with one, whose general principles coincide with my own, the purity of whose motives I have no cause to doubt, and of whose friendship I entertain the fullest assurance. . . . I have the strongest disposition, though not ability, to alleviate your burdens and facilitate your labors, and the most sanguine expectation that our mutual esteem and affection will increase with increasing intimacy. I shall take great pleasure in making you acquainted with the members of this Society, and with the whole circle of those who have been the pleasant objects of my regard for many years; and henceforth there can be no greater joy to me than to see your children and mine walking in the truth. From this people may you have a like experience of kindness with myself, and a much larger experience of success. I congratulate myself on this occasion with the thought, that the good cause will be built up, and that I may have a few years more to witness your success, together with the improvement and happiness of this kind, candid, and generous people, from whom I have received so many proofs of affectionate regard. Unmingled good we are neither of us to expect in our mutual connexion. Occasional discrepancies may grow out of the dissimilarity of our minds, educated as we have been at very different periods, the interval between which has been marked by great changes of opinion and character; but I have the fullest reliance on your discretion to overlook any difference as to the best means, while we are perfectly agreed as to the ends to be pursued. I shall rejoice to see this house again filled under your acceptable ministry, and to witness in the close of my days the spiritual growth and prosperity of this much beloved Society. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, may you, my brother, receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

B. Loring, of Andover, then made an "Address to the People."

(In a Genealogy of the Bradford Family one Rev. BENJ. KENT appears to mar. Eleanor, 1802.)

"Myles Standish probably built his house about the time of his first coming to *Duxbury*, or about the year 1632. It was occupied by him until his death in 1656. His son Alexander then succeeded to the estate who it is said built an addition to it, in which he kept a store; and in corroboration of this tradition, it may not be known, that leaden weights have been found in the remains of this part of the building. A few years ago, when discoveries were first made here by *Mr. Kent*, the foundation stones were nearly in their original positions. . . . About twenty or more years ago *Mr. Kent*, then pastor of the church in the town, first opened the ground about the site. *Many curiosities were found, a buccaneer*

gunlock, a sickle, a hammer, a whetstone, a scythe wedge, a sword-buckle, other buckles, etc, and other things have been ploughed up in various parts of the town. Many of these curiosities are in the cabinet of the *Rev. Benjamin Kent*, whose museum, at the close of his labors in Duxbury, contained upwards of *four thousand specimens*, collected by many years' assiduous attention to the subject. *Rev. Benjamin Kent* was *ordained* as colleague to Dr. Allyn, on the 7th of June, 1826. After a short, but trying and very laborious ministry, he was obliged to ask his dismission, which was granted on the 7th of June, 1833. The time has not yet come when it would be becoming to speak of his faithful labors, among a people, who by him were much beloved, and from whose midst he was separated not without deep sorrow. To the unwearied labors of *Mr. Kent*, the town owed much for the establishment at that time of a High school, which chiefly through his instrumentality was commenced, and by his exertions a sum sufficiently large was raised for its maintenance, and teachers, eminently qualified for the duties of instructors, were procured. It was first under the charge of *Rev. Dr. Geo. Putnam* of Roxbury, who was succeeded by Mr. William Augustus Stearns, who has since been settled as pastor of the church at Cambridgeport."

Mr. Kent became a member of the Dorchester Antiquarian and Historical Society in 1857. He preached in Norton, Mass., the summer of 1851, as did also *Charles Briggs*. In 1833 Mr. Kent moved to Roxbury, where for several years he taught a private academy for young ladies. He was afterwards, for a number of years, Librarian of the Roxbury Athenæum. *Mr. Kent* was a great lover of antiquity. *He ransacked garrets, collected many autographs and literary documents* of the Pilgrims, and made several discoveries of interest. He d. Taunton, Aug. 5, 1859, aged 65, leaving a wife and four daughters.

SAMUEL,[5] son of David,[4] David,[3] Joseph,[2] John,[1] was a *shipbuilder* at *Scituate Harbor, Mass.* He later blt. at So. Boston for Messrs. Lincoln & Wheelwright, being succeeded there by his brother-in-law, Capt. Noah Brooks. (See Briggs' History of Shipbuilding on North River.) He returned to Scituate, where he d. Aug. 5, 1829, aged 56 yrs., and he is buried in the cemetery on "the Hill" opp. the Unitarian Church and James Library at Norwell, formerly So. Scituate. He was a man of commanding presence, over six feet in height, straight, and well built. He mar. in 1799 *Hannah, dau. of Capt. Noah Brooks*, of So. Boston, who had one sister, wife of Wm. Bradford, of Kingston, and another, the wife of Hon. John Holmes, of Maine. She descended from William Brooks, who appears in Scituate, 1644.

The following are some of the transfers of land made by Sam'l Kent in Scituate and Hanover:

Anthony Waterman Junr. of Scituate, Gentleman, & Deborah Waterman wife of said Anthony, in consideration of $50.00 paid by *Samuel Kent, junr. of*

Scituate, Shipwright, conveyed seven eighth parts of that store or *workhouse* at *Scituate Harbour* formerly owned by the proprietors of the *Old wharf* at *said Harbour*, with ⅛ part of the land on which said store or workhouse now stands with a privilege of passing from the road to said store. Dated, March 3, A.D. 1798.

Sam[l]. *Kent of Scituate, shipwright*, in consideration of $40.00 paid by Jesse Dunbar of Scituate, Gentleman, conveyed ⅛ parts of store & land on which it stands lying in Scituate, with all the lumber now lying about said store, now belonging to said Kent, being the same s'd Kent lately purchased of Anthony Waterman, Jun[r]. Dated. Oct. 10, A.D. 1798.

David Kent, yeoman & Sam[ll] *Kent, shipwright, both of Scituate*, in consideration of $150 paid by Joshua Dwelley, shipwright & Melzer Hatch, yeoman, both of Hanover, conveyed *about 3 acres of land in Hanover*, bounded by lands of Isaac Turner, Ezra Briggs, Joseph Brooks, & Melzar Hatch. Dated Feb. 11, A.D. 1801.

Lydia wife of David Kent.
Hannah " " Samuel Kent.

Charles Turner Jr. Guardian to Nehemiah Curtis of Scituate, a minor, sold real estate assigned to said minor (except the barn,) to *Samuel Kent of Scituate, shipwright*, for $661.00 Dated Aug. 22, 1801.

Sam[l]. *Kent of Scituate, shipwright*, in consideration of $719.60 paid by Thomas Gross, of Scituate shipwright, conveyed land in Scituate which was formerly conveyed to s'd Kent by Elisha James, as Guardian to minor children of Elisha Randall. Dated, Feb. 18, 1802.

Sam[l]. *Kent of Scituate, shipwright*, in consideration of $500 paid by Lemuel Turner of Scituate Gentleman, conveyed land in Scituate, Dated May 16 A.D. 1803.

Aaron Soul of Turner, Co. of Cumberland, yeoman, in consideration of $410.73 paid by *Sam*[l]. *Kent, of Scituate, shipwright*, conveyed 10 acres 30 rods of woodland, lying in Pembroke & is part of lot of land given me by the last will of Huldah Church late of Kingston, widow, deceased reserving the privilege which Pelham Brewster & Nathan Dwelly George Torrey & Joshua Magoun, have of a way through the same. Dated Dec. 3, A.D. 1803.

Samuel Kent of Scituate, shipwright, in consideration of $50.00 paid by Levi Man of Hanover, conveyed about *2 acres of land in Hanover, called Walnut Hill*, Dated, April 28, 1802. Hannah wife of Sam[l]. Kent.

Sam[l]. *Kent, of Scituate, shipwright*, in consideration of $120.00 paid by Lemuel Turner of Scituate, Gentleman, conveyed about 10 acres & 30 rods of wood-land *in Pembroke*. Dated, Feb. 21, A.D. 1804.

Sam[l]. *Kent, of Scituate, shipwright*, in consideration of $605.50 paid by Jarathmeel Clapp of Scituate, shipwright, conveyed about 31 acres & 30 rods of land in said Scituate, also lot of ten acres woodland in Pembroke, Dated April 19, 1804.

Samuel Kent, of Scituate, shipwright, in consideration of twenty seven dollars paid by *David Kent, of Scituate, yeoman*, conveyed one acre *wood-land lying in Hanover*, bounded by land of Nath[l]. Jacobs, David Kent & others, Dated, July 10, 1804.

Sam[l]. *Kent of Scituate, shipwright*, in consideration of $70.00 paid by Jarathmeel Clapp conveyed *real estate in Scituate*. Dated Jan'y 1st 1805.
Hannah wife of Sam[l].

SAMUEL[5] and HANNAH BROOKS KENT had children:

I. CHARLOTTE APPLETON, b. Jan'y 12, 1800; d. Jan'y 3, 1885;
mar. June 12, 1820, Ivory Hall of Alfred, Me.; b. 1797; d. Apl. 15, 1873. Children: **1.** ***Ivory Bradford***, b. Mch. 7, 1821;

mar. Phebe L. Nason, Dec. 5, 1847, and d. Apl. 16, 1856, leaving 2 chil.: 1. Wm. Bradford, b. Apl. 11, 1849, who mar. Lizzie Newhall, and removed to Portland, Ore., where they had 4 chil.: Bradford, Ada, Hubert, and Chester. 2. Noah Brooks, b. July 31, 1853, who also mar. and removed to Portland, Ore., where he had 2 chil.: Florence and Ernest. **2.** *Hannah Frances*, b. June 4, 1825; d. Aug. 22, 1826. **3.** *Charlotte Appleton*, b. Mch. 5, 1829; mar. James Lloyd Emerson of Alfred, Me., July 3, 1865, and had 2 chil.: 1. Mary Charlotte, b. Jan'y 12, 1867. 2. Francis Hall, b. May 29, 1870. **4.** *Charles Henry*, b. May 7, 1831; d. Oct. 2, 1895; mar. Feb. 7, 1866, Lizzie M. Marston, in So. Boston, who did not long survive him. They had 6 chil.: 1. L. Gertrude, b. Feb. 19, 1867. 2. Charles Bradford, b. Mch. 16, 1869. 3. Lillian May, b. Aug. 22, 1871. 4. Frank Ivory, b. Oct. 1, 1873. 5. Nettie Estelle, b. Dec. 1, 1875. 6. Florence Appleton, b. May 15, 1879; d. July 19, 1880. **5.** *Rachel Frances*, b. Sept. 15, 1835; mar. Aug. 29, 1877, Benjamin Parker of Somerville, Mass. **6.** *Hannah Brooks*, b. July 21, 1838; d. June 5, 1839. **7.** *Edward Kent*, b. Mch. 28, 1840; d. Aug. 15, 1884.

II. HANNAH WILLIAMS, b. Oct. 14, 1801;

mar. Dec. 4, 1819, Alpheus Stetson of So. Boston, and they had 8 chil.: **1.** *Alpheus M.*, b. Sept. 21, 1820; mar. Oct. 7, 1842, Sophia B. Osborn of So. Boston, who d. Oct. 7, 1894, aged 73; had 3 chil.: 1. John Alpheus, b. July 28, 1844; mar. June 20, 1866, Julia Van Veighton of Rome, N.Y.; chil.: John Alpheus, Jr., b. Feb. 2, 1868; d. July 8, 1890. Archie, b. June; d. July, 1869. Herbert Osborn, b. June 3, 1871; mar. Jan'y 31, 1895, Georgia, b. July 30, 1873, dau. of George Conway of Louisville, Ky. Sophia Lawson, b. Aug., 1876; d. Apl. 1877. William Graydon, b. Feb. 18, 1878. 2. Frances Sophia, b. Dec. 11, 1847; d. Sept. 8, 1848. 3. Herbert Osborn, b. Sept. 7, 1850; d. Mch. 28, 1872. **2.** *Daniel F. W.*, b. Sept. 15, 1823; d. May 16, 1825. **3.** *Edward F.*, b. June 18, 1826; d. Nov. 15, 1829. **4.** *Hannah Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 7, 1828; d. at 5 A.M., Nov. 26, 1881, of heart trouble; mar. Oct. 14, 1847, *Harrison Otis*, a prominent shipbuilder, alderman, and later Prest. Natl. Bank of Republic, Boston, and son of Cushing Otis *Briggs* of Scituate. He d. Dec. 6, 1881, 9 A.M., aged 57 yrs., 10 mos., 7 ds. (see Briggs' Hist. of Shipbldg. on North River, for Briggs genealogy). They had chil.: *1.* Ella Stetson, b. Dec. 21, 1849; mar. Geo. Andrew Thayer of Boston, Feb. 9, 1871, and had two chil.: Elaina, b. Mch. 3, 1872, who mar., Oct. 10, 1893, Dr. George H. Francis of Brookline, and has chil.: 1. Thayer, b. Aug. 10, 1894; 2. Augustine Shurtleff, b. July 20, 1897,—and Florence Briggs, b. Dec. 31, 1873, who mar. John Bradley Cumings of Boston, Sept. 24, 1896, and has child, John Bradley, Jr., b. Aug. 15, 1897. *2.* Lizzie Florence, b. Sept. 1, 1853; mar. June 8, 1880, Andrew G. Webster of Boston, and they have chil.: Harrison Briggs, b. Jan'y 26, 1884, and David Locke, b. Nov. 6, 1888. *3.* Frank Harrison, b. Feb. 26, 1860, prominent in politics, a Common Councilman of Boston, and major in the Mass. Vol. Militia. *4.* Harrison Otis, b. July 26, 1871; d. Nov. 26, 1872. **5.** *Edward F.*, b. Mch. 23, d. Oct. 27, 1830. **6.** *Sarah W.*, b. Aug. 15, 1833; mar. Oct. 11, 1854, Joseph F. Baker of Boston, but b. So. Dennis, Mass., and

Ubert Kent Pettingill.
Twenty-two months old.

had 4 chil.: 1. Frances Josephine, b. Oct. 2, 1855; mar. Sept. 19, 1877, Henry Hunt Arnold. 2. Annah Williams, b. Jan'y 9, 1858; mar. June 15, 1882, Charles Everett of Boston, and has chil. Charles, b. Oct. 11, 1883 and Madeline, b. Aug. 7, 1893. 3. Alpheus Stetson, b. Feb. 6, 1860; mar. Sept. 29, 1887, Martha E. Alden of Newton, b. Jan'y 8, 1865, and had one child, Frances Josephine, b. Oct. 13, 1888. 4. Grace Sears, b. May 15, 1867. **7.** *Franklin J.*, b. Apl. 5, 1839; d. Mch. 28, 1841. **8.** *Mary Adelaide*, b. June 25, 1843; mar. Oct. 3, 1865, and has had chil.: 1. George S., b. Oct., 1866; d. same year. 2. Mary H., b. Sept., 1869. 3. Alice K., and 4, Florence, *twins*, b. Jan'y, 1875; Florence deceased. 5. Lawrence I., b. July, 1885.

III. SAMUEL,[6] b. Sept. 12, 1803, a shipjoiner; mar. 1st, *Ann Henry* of Boston; 2d, *Elizabeth Tripp Baker* of Dorchester, Nov. 24, 1831. By his 2d wife he had three children: I. SAMUEL HENRY,[7] b. Sept. 14, 1832, a prominent mason, and a master builder of San Francisco. He mar. 1st, Dec. 25, 1859, *Maggie McCrea*. He mar. 2d, *Mary J. Biggs*, widow of . . . Lee, a woman of many fine qualities, and a true friend, who d. Dec. 24, 1893, of pneumonia, at 711 Leavenworth St., San Francisco, where the compiler of this work, with his sister, spent part of a most delightful winter as their guests in 1881–82. II. JOHN HAWES BIRD,[7] b. Oct. 1, 1835; mar. Apl. 5, 1877, *Sarah E. Shaw* of Boston, and he has one child: John Henry, b. Dec. 14, 1878. III. FRANCIS,[7] b. June 20, 1842; d. young.

IV. RACHEL CLAPP, b. Oct. 21, 1805 (or Oct. 22, 1806? according to Mrs. Goodwin); d. Apl. 1, 1858, cor. G and Fourth Sts., So. Boston.

she mar. 1836, Ubert Lorenzo Pettingill, of Maine, and they had 5 chil.: **1.** *Charlotte Kent*, b. Mch. 6, 1838, Augusta, Me.; mar. Mch. 28, 1861, Edw. L. Goodwin, of So. Boston, where her parents moved in 1851. She grad. from the Bigelow School in 1855, taking the "city medal" given by the city to each of the six graduates receiving the highest marks, and presented by the Mayor, after which they were given a banquet at City Hall. In 1863 she moved with her husband to Pittsburg, Pa. In 1865 to Sewickley, Pa. In 1881 to Cleveland, O. In 1887 to Orange, N.J., and on Apl. 5, 1888, to Louisville, Ky. They have had 9 chil., viz.: 1. Edward Francis, Oct. 12, 1862, at 57 G St., So. Boston, Mass. Attended public school at Sewickley, Pa., grad. 1879. Went one year to Western University of Penna. at Pittsburg, Pa. Then entered Bridgeman Academy, Cleveland, O., grad. 1883. Engaged in offices of Standard Oil Co., Cleveland, O.; remained there until 1884 when was transferred to their office, South Bend, Ind.; from there returned to Cleveland, O., and early in 1885 was sent to New York City, where he remained until 1888, being then transferred to their offices at Louisville, Ky., occupy-

ing position of Asst. Mgr. Lubg. Dept., afterwards Mgr. Refd. Oil Dept. He mar., Dec. 7, 1892, Grace O'Neil of Elizabeth, Pa. Issue, one child, William O'Neil, b. Sept. 24, 1893, at No. 422 Belgravia square, Louisville, Ky. 2. Frederick Clarence, b. Oct. 23, 1864, at No. 33 Hand street, Pittsburg, Pa.; grad. from public schools, Sewickley, Pa., 1881; grad. from High School, Cleveland, Ohio, 1884; attended Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, O., one year; grad. from Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., as Civil Engineer and Architect in 1888; entered service of Standard Oil Co. at Louisville, Ky., as Civil Engineer and Architect in fall of 1888, which position he still holds. On Nov. 1, 1894, was mar. to Mattie Hall of Louisville, Ky., at Louisville. No issue. 3. Henry Ubert, b. May 15, 1867, cor. Broad and Thorn streets, Sewickley, Pa.; attended public school 1882, then High School at Cleveland, O., three years, at same time studying music. In 1886 entered and 1889 *grad. with high honors from New England Conservatory of Music* at Boston. In 1889 he went to Berlin, Germany, studying music under Xaver Scharwenka, Heinrich Urban, and Leopold Carl Wolf. In 1892 returned to Louisville, Ky., and opened a studio of music. 4. John Stanley, b. April 6, 1870, Sewickley, Pa.; d. April 9, 1872. 5. Charlotte Kent, b. Jan. 4, 1872, Sewickley, Pa.; attended public schools, Cleveland, O., until 1887, and one year at Orange, N.J. In 1888 entered Georgetown Academy, Georgetown, Ky.; 1890 she entered the Thane Miller Institute, Cincinnati, O., grad. in 1892. 6. William White, b. Feb'y 15, 1874, Beaver street, Sewickley, Pa.; attended public schools, Cleveland, O., Orange, N.J., and Louisville, Ky. In 1894, grad. from High School at Louisville, Ky. From 1890 he spent much time in athletics, *winning the championship of the South* in sprinting races and the jumps; also the all-round championship of the State of Ky., in 1895, and same year took second place in the championship races of United States, held in New York. He is in 1897 cashier of Standard Oil Co., at Louisville, Ky. 7. Julia Cecelia, b. March 7, 1876, Beaver St., Sewickley, Pa. Attended public school, Cleveland, O., and Orange, N.J., until 1888, then entered Hampton College, Louisville, Ky.; grad. in 1894. Since finishing school she has devoted herself to the study of music and French. 8. Hannah Florence, b. Oct. 12, 1878, Beaver street, Sewickley, Pa. Entered primary department of Hampton College in 1888; grad. in June, 1897. 9. Flint, b. Apl. 19, 1881, Beaver street, Sewickley, Pa. Attends public schools, Louisville, Ky. (1897). **2.** *Susan Jane Adams*, b. Sept. 24, 1840; mar. 1st, Truman Flint; 2d, Curtis C. Goss of Melrose, Mass. One child by first mar., Susie May. **3.** *Hannah Brooks*, b. Augusta, Me., Aug. 7, 1842; mar. Edward R. Taylor of Philadelphia, Pa., where she resided until his death, when she moved to Cambridge, where her only child, Rachel Kent, attended *Harvard College annex, or Radcliffe College; grad. with honors.* She was mar. Cambridge, May 22, 1897, by Dean Hodges, to Dr. George Wells Fitz. **4.** *Frances Bradford*, b. Nov. 29, 1844; mar. James Mackey of Pittsburg, Pa., and resides, in 1897, at Homewood, Pa. They have 2 chil.: Mamie and Annie. **5.** *Ubert Kalloch*, b. Augusta, Me., June 2, 1848; of Boston, 1897. He mar., Feb. 4, 1891, Lucy Eleanor MacKibbin, at New York City, where she

Elizabeth Elms Dunham.
Born 1815. Married 1831 Noah Brooks Kent, and died 1838.

was b. Sept. 15, 1855. They have one child, Ubert Kent, b. Nov. 4, 1894, Boston.

V. NOAH BROOKS,[6] b. 1806; was a prominent shipwright of So. Boston. He is described as a large and impressive man, being over six feet tall, and of fine proportions. Before he married he made one trip to Europe. He d. Jan'y 19, 1861, aged 55, and is buried in Augusta, Me., where he went to reside before his second marriage, being united with the South Congregational Church of Augusta in 1843. His 2d wife, who was Mary Ann Pettingill, of Augusta, whom he mar. 1840, became a member in 1842. He mar. 1st, *Elizabeth Ellms*, dau. of Josiah *Dunham*, who was b. 1815, and d. Sept. 27, 1838, aged 23 years. She is buried with her eldest daughter at Forest Hills Cemetery, Mass. Her father owned and operated the largest ropewalk in the country, equal to, if not exceeding in size, that of the Charlestown Navy Yard, and he gave employment to a great many people. He was one of the first Aldermen of Boston, and during this period the most influential man of the peninsula. The interests of So. Boston never lacked advocacy while he held a position in the City Government. A recent writer says of him: "He was thoroughly democratic in his habits and instincts. I think he was the most unselfish man I ever knew, and very strong in his friendships."

Noah B. and Elizabeth E. Kent had one son, THOMAS, who d. with his mother at birth, and two daughters. 1. MARY ANN, b. Apl., 1832, So. Boston; d. Sept. 7, 1847, aged 15 years. 2. SARAH ELIZABETH ELLMS, b. Sept. 22, 1834, near Bryant's Corner, Scituate, where her parents resided about six months, and then moved to So. Boston.

Warren Bowker of Boston, housewright, in consideration of $580. paid by *Noah B. Kent of Boston, Housewright*, conveyed 26 acres, one quarter 31 rods of land with buildings thereon, in Scituate Southerly *on highway from Snow Bryants* to Mary Otis, & bounded on land of Abiel Farrow, Jun., Lemuel Turner & Nathl. Clapp, land of Timothy Foster, & David Bowker Dated May 30, 1834.

Alfred Payne of Scituate, Cordwainer, in consideration of $500. paid by *Noah B. Kent of Scituate, housewright*, conveyed about 26½ acres of land in Scituate, being same premises which Noah B. Kent has this day conveyed to me. Dated, Oct. 29th. 1834.

SARAH ELIZABETH ELLMS KENT attended the Holyoke and Bradford Academies, and in 1848 entered Atkinson Academy at Atkinson, N.H., which was

Sarah Elizabeth Ellms Kent.

founded in 1787. In her class were the Kimballs, Pages, Herricks, and others, including Hon. William Cogswell, of Salem, later a member U.S. Congress. She mar., in the first house on the left side of Gold St. as you enter from Dorchester St., So. Boston, Nov. 15, 1858, *Lloyd Briggs* (the same year that he entered the Natl. Bank of the Republic of Boston), and here their children were all born. He was b. Apl. 8, 1830, and was son of Cushing Otis and Mercy L. (Thomas) Briggs, of Scituate, Mass. (see Hist. of Shipbuilding on North River, for acct. of him and the Briggs Genealogy, pages 295 and 325). SARAH E. E. and LLOYD BRIGGS had three children: 1. *Harriette Stetson*, b. Jan'y 29, 1860; d. June 23, 1879, at Hanover, Mass. 2. *Velma*, b. Oct. 20, 1861. 3. *Lloyd Vernon*, b. Aug. 13, 1863. They now reside in Hanover, Mass., during the summers, where Lloyd Briggs built a residence in 1870.

VI. BARKER B.,[6] b. 1811, a shipjoiner, mar. Sarah H., dau. of Josiah Dunham, as aforesaid, and d. June 27, 1876. She d. Nov. 7, 1888. They had no issue, but one child by adoption, *Barker B.* (formerly Nath'l Tuttle), a physician, b. Aug. 26, 1841, d. Feb. 2, 1872. He mar. Helena M., dau. of Capt. Ezra H. Baker, of So. Boston, mariner, and they had one child, Sarah Helena, b. Aug. 1, 1871, d. Feb. 2, 1872.

VII. SARAH ANN, b. Boston, Dec. 12, 1812; d. Boston, Aug. 28, 1860;

mar. Oct. 2, 1836, Benj. James of So. Boston, son of Dr. Elisha and Lydia Young *Little* James of Scituate, Mass., and had 6 chil.: **1.** George Barker, b. Boston, July 5, 1837; mar. Apl. 1, 1863, Adelaide Grant Washburn of Gardiner, Me., b. Nov. 1, 1844, and has 4 chil.: 1. George Barker, Jr., b. Brooklyn, N.Y., Dec. 29, 1863. 2. William Grant, b. Boston, May 19, 1867; mar. Nov. 27, 1895, Jesse Lewis, b. Arlington, Mass. 3. Robert Kent, b. Boston, Nov. 10, 1869. 4. Adelaide Washburn, b. Boston, Apl. 7, 1877. **2.** Elisha Francis, b. Boston, Jan. 3, 1841; mar. Apl. 24, 1862, Elizabeth Anna Sears of Boston, b. Aug. 7, 1838, and has 4 chil.: 1. Edward Sears, b. Boston, Oct. 20, 1865. 2. Elisha Francis, Jr., b. Boston, Oct. 18, 1869; d. Boston, May 19, 1894. 3. Sarah Ann, b. Boston, Dec. 27, 1872. 4. Charles Dana, b. Boston, Oct. 24, 1876. **3.** Edward Brooks, b. Sept. 14, 1843; mar. Oct. 14, 1868, Kate O. M. Smith of New Bedford, b. Jan. 14, 1848, and has 5 chil.: 1. Benj. Kent, b. Boston, Aug. 12, 1871; d. May 21, 1873. 2. Edward Brooks, Jr., b. Boston, Feb. 12, 1873; d. May 3, 1875. 3. Williams Bassett, b. Boston, June 21, 1875. 4. Katherine Hall, b. Cambridge, Mass., June

8, 1878. 5. Reginald Sears, b. Cambridge, May 7, 1880. **4.** Charles Little, b. Boston, Jan. 14, 1846; mar. Nov. 19, 1879, Clitheroe Dean, b. Boston, Feb. 3, 1857, and has 3 chil.: 1. Dean Kent, b. Boston, May 18, 1882. 2. Benjamin, b. Boston, Jan. 26, 1885. 3. Clitheroe, b. Boston, June 14, 1886. **5.** Benjamin, b. Boston, Dec. 26, 1851; mar. Jan. 12, 1876, Mary C. A. Greeley of Boston, b. Claremont, N.H., Sept. 22, 1853. No issue. **6.** Williams Kent, b. Boston, Dec. 25, 1852; mar. Nov. 14, 1878, Ida Florence Johnson of Boston, b. Boston, Feb. 24, 1857, and has chil.: 1. Herbert Johnson, b. Boston, Jan. 31, 1882. Benjamin James, Sr., mar. 2d, Susan Hall King, Jan. 1, 1862, who was b. Scituate, Mass., 1823; d. Boston, May 4, 1866, and by her had one child. **7.** Frank Ernest, b. Boston, 1862; d. Boston, Feb. 18, 1863, aged 4 mos. 3 days.

ISRAEL,[5] son of Isaac,[4] was probably the same who mar. . . . *Hall* and removed to N.Y., where he d. leaving one dau. and eight sons, viz.: *Isaac*, *Benjamin*, *Asa*, *Oliver*, JAMES M.,[6] *John*, *George*. JAMES M.[6] was b. in Essex Co., N.Y., Feb. 14, 1823; mar. Dec. 15, 1853, *Melissa Hyde*, who d. Sept. 3, 1878. They had 9 children:

1. *Laura A.*, b. Aug. 20, 1854, Livingston Co., N.Y.; mar. Henry Downer, and had 3 chil.: Fannie, ... , and Ida. **2.** *Ella J.*, b. Mch. 1, 1856; mar. George Bonner, and had 4 chil.: Willie, Fred, Charlie, James. **3.** *Adelia A.*, b. May 5, 1858; mar. John Kelly, and had 2 chil.: Mary, Elsa M. **4.** *Ida H.*, b. Apl. 18, 1860; mar. Frank McCollom, and had 4 chil.: Wallace, Robert, Forest, Hattie. **5.** *Jennie B.*, b. Aug. 20, 1862; unmarried. **6.** *Mary A.*, b. Nov. 10, 1864; d. Jany. 19, 1895; mar. Silas Cole, and had 5 chil.: Clarence, Hattie, Charley, Florence, Gearhart. **7.** *Hattie L.*, b. Feby. 19, 1866; mar. John Miners; no chil. **8.** *George H.*, d. young. **9.** *Emma P.*, b. Mch. 12, 1870; mar. Edward Doherty, and had 4 chil.: Roy, Guy, Ray, Ren. Most of the above chil. were b. in Ogle Co., Ill.

AMARIAH,[5] son of Isaac,[4] mar. *Lucy Phelps*, and had among other chil.:

Lucinda, mar. *Heman* Evans of Stoddard, N.H., and d. in New Alstead, N.H. *Mary*, mar. Rev. Peter B. Thayer, who d, 1896–7, after having been 45 yrs. pastor at Garland, Me., leaving one child, a druggist at Presque Isle, Me.

ASA,[5] son of Isaac,[4] was mar. by Rev. Phineas Cook, at Acworth, N.H., to *Polly*, dau. of Rev. Alfred *Abell*, of Lempster, N.H., Apl. 29, 1817. He d. 1882, aged 88, in the house where he was born. She d. Sept. 15, 1849, aged 53. They had children:

I. HERVEY,[6] b. Apl. 26, 1818, in Cheshire Co., N.H.

II. HARRIET, b. Jan'y 16, 1821; d. May 6, 1870.

mar. James Sumner Partridge, Dec. 29, 1846, New Alstead. They had 3 chil.: **1.** Charles W., b. June 29, 1848, a dentist of Law-

rence, Mass., who mar. Mary C. Palmer, of Fitchburg, and has one surviving child, Harriet, b. Feb'y 6, 1891. **2.** Ella L., b. May 18, 1850, who mar. Gardner G. Banks, of New Alstead; no issue; and **3.** Lilla C., b. May 18, 1853, who mar. Hiram F. Newell, of East Alstead, and moved to Keene; no issue.

III. CHARLES H.,[6] b. Mch. 21, 1824.

IV. SARAH H., b. Jan'y 29, 1826; d. Feb'y 13–14, 1871. She mar. Joseph Fisher, of Lawrence, Mass.; no issue.

V. EMILY SOPHIA, b. June 26, 1835, at E. Alstead, N.H. mar. Apl. 25, 1865, at Davenport, Ia., Mahlon Jones Manville, b. Whitehall, N.Y., Aug. 28, 1834, a member of the Ill. Bar. She grad. Kimball Union Academy, and has taught thirty years, having been principal of the Waukegan, Ill., Academy; Supt. of Schools at Shelbyville, Mo.; and in 1897 principal of the Crete, Neb., High School. She has had chil., b. in Shelbyville: **1.** Lucy Kent, b. Dec. 7, 1866; grad. Doane Coll. 1889; mar. Rev. E. E. Sprague, of Farnham, Neb., Aug. 14, 1893, and has 3 chil.: 1. Richard Manville; 2. Phyllis Kent; 3. Edwin Newell. **2.** Mahlon Frederick, b. Aug. 24, 1868; d. Feb. 5, 1869. **3.** Berthold Wait, b. Feb. 11, 1870; grad. Iowa State Coll., Ames. **4.** Mahlon Fritz, b. Nov. 4, 1871; grad. Doane Coll. and Nebraska Law School.

The Shirley history says that Elmira, dau. of Calvin Dunsmore, b. Alstead, N.H., Oct. 9, 1833, mar. Sept. 30, 1854, *Elisha Smith Kent*, son of *Isaac and Susan* WARE *Kent*, of Alstead. She d. Sept. 10, 1860. Two children; one was *Charles*, b. Dec. 9, 1854.

CHARLES,[6] son of Ebenz.,[5] Ebenz.,[4] Ebenz.,[3] John,[2] moved to Petersburg, Va., early in this century. He mar. *Sarah Walthall* of Chesterfield Co., who was a descendant of Justice Wm. Walthall of Henrico Co., Va., Port Walthall in 1658, and who held a large grant there. She d. 1847; he d. 1871. They had children:

I. ALBERT,[7] b. 1823; d. 1851; no issue.

II. MARY ROSALINE, b. 1826; d. 1843; no issue.

III. JAMES,[7] b. Jan'y 8, 1830.

Charles Kent was a merchant and owned a line of vessels plying between Boston and Petersburg. He and his wife, his sister Lucy, and children Albert and Mary R., are buried in Petersburg, at "Old Blanford churchyard," one of the oldest in Virginia.

There is a family of W. H. Kent at Lancaster C. H., Lancaster Co., Virginia. He did not care to send me his genealogy without remuneration.

Another Virginia family, still bearing the name of Kent, is that which descended from JOHN KENT, who in turn probably descended from one of the early settlers of New England or one of the following emigrants to Virginia:

ENGLISH MAIDS FOR VIRGINIA PLANTERS.

"Tiger" Maids The following who came in the "Tiger" were alive in *1624*

Maid	Husband	His arrival
Joan married	*Humphrey Kent* in George —	*1619.*

xv° MAIJ 1635

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JOHN KENT,[1] of Montgomery County, Va., mar. *Rachel* . . . and had five boys:

I. *John*,[2] b. . . . . ; mar. Jane Cooper.
II. *Jacob*,[2] b. . . . . ; d. young.
III. *David*,[2] b. . . . . ; (see descendants).
IV. *Robert*,[2] b. . . . . ; mar. Sarah Reynolds.
V. *Joe*,[2] b. . . . . ; never married.

DAVID,[2] son of the above John,[1] of Montgomery Co.; mar. *Rachel Barnett* in fall of 1822 and resided in Montgomery County. She d. June 3, 1834. He d. May 10, 1844. They had chil.:

I. *Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 12, 1823.
II. *Mary*, b. June 14, 1825.
III. *John*, b. July 13, 1827; d. Dec. 9, 1830.
IV. JACOB BARNETT,[3] b. Aug. 26, 1829; (see descendants).
V. *Jane B.* & VI. *Rachel*, twins, b. May 28, 1834, Rachel dying the same day.

JACOB BARNETT,[3] son of David,[2] as above, resided Glade Spring, Washington Co., Va. He mar. *Martha Ann Campbell*, Sept. 3, 1850, and d. Dec. 17, 1889. They had chil.:

I. *Sallie Rachel*, b. July 19, 1851; mar. June 3, 1891, Rev. Henry T. Farnsworth, and resides in Orn, Va.
II. JAMES DAVID,[4] b. Dec. 11, 1852; (see descendants).
III. JOSEPH CROCKET,[4] b. May 8, 1854; (see descendants).
IV. *Rebecca Campbell*, b. Sept. 9, 1855; mar. Oct. 14, 1885, Chas. C. McNew, and resides in Bristol, Tenn. They have had 5 chil.: 1. Ann Amelia, b. Aug. 6, 1886. 2. Eugene Kent, b. Apl. 5, 1887. 3. R. Trigg, b. Jany. 4, 1890. 4. Chas. H., b. Feb. 10, 1892. 5. Trubia Lacy, b. Mch. 3, d. Oct. 15, 1895.
V. JOHN ANDREW,[4] b. Mch. 4, 1857 (see descendants).
VI. WILLIAM SAMUEL,[4] b. Mch. 15, 1859 (see descendants).
VII. *Ann Amelia*, b. Jan'y 3, 1861; mar. Aug. 17, 1887, Rev. Joseph R. Vaughn, and resides in Little Rock, Ark. They have 3 children: 1. Campbell Kent, b. May 28, 1888. 2. Annie Scotia, b. Jan'y 1, 1890. 3. Lelia Gertrude, b. Feb. 28, 1891.
VIII. THOMAS JEFFERSON,[4] b. Nov. 20, 1862 (see descendants).
IX. *Scotia Clementine*, b. Dec. 1, 1864.
X. JACOB COOPER,[4] b. July 31, 1866 (see descendants).

XI. GORDON CLOYD,[4] b. Jan'y 31, 1868 (see descendants).
XII. *Victor Eugene*,[4] b. Mch. 25, 1869.
XIII. *Charles Barnett*,[4] b. Jan'y 18, 1871; d. May 2, 1896.
XIV. *Martha Virginia*, b. Oct. 15, 1872.

JAMES DAVID,[4] of Glade Spring, Washington Co., Va., son of Jacob Barnett,[3] mar. 1st, *Margaret Cordelia Deaton*, June 2, 1880, who d. Dec. 5, 1883, and by whom he had 2 children. He mar. 2d, *Lelia Cross Craddock*, Oct. 6, 1886, of Amelia Co., Va., by whom the rest of his children were born. His children were:

I. *James Mansfield*,[5] b. Mch. 8, 1881.
II. *Eugene T.*, b. Aug. 13, 1883; d. Aug. 23, 1884.
III. *Annie Louise*, b. Aug. 18, 1887.
IV. *Martha Pearl*, b. Aug. 30, 1888.
V. *Preston McKinney*,[5] b. Apl. 17, 1890.
VI. *Lottie Lee*, b. Oct. 5, 1891.
VII. *Lelia Marie*, b. Sept. 25, 1893.
VIII. *Alma Quarles*, b. Nov. 24, 1895.

JOSEPH CROCKET,[4] son of Jacob Barnett,[3] mar. *Fannie P. Roberts*, Sept. 3, 1884, and resides at Plaster Co, Va. They have had chil.:

I. . . . b. and d. same day, 1885.
II. *Joseph Shields*,[5] b. . . . 22, 1887.
III. *Roy Wood*,[5] b. May 9, 1888.
IV. *Willie Barnett*,[5] b. Nov. 29, 1889.
V. & VI. *Fannie P.*, *Eugene Lloyd*, } twins, b. July 2, 1892; Eugene L. d. Oct. 19, 1892.
VII. *Mabel Simon*, b. May 16, 1894.

JOHN ANDREW,[4] son of Jacob Barnett,[3] mar. *Mary Nannie* Jones, Apl. 26, 1881, and resides in Pulaski City, Va. They had chil.:

I. . . . b. and d. same day, 1882.
II. *Catherine Donaver*, b. Mch. 8, 1883.
III. *Annie Fenwick*, b. . . . 1885.
IV. *Roy Madison*,[5] b. Nov. . . . 1886.
V. *Andrew Arguile*,[5] b. . . . 1889; and d. . . . 1890.
VI. *Payton*,[5] b. . . . ; d. . . . 1893.
VII. . . . died.
VIII. . . . died.
IX. *Mary Jones*, b. . . .
X. *Lizzie Rosalie*, b. . . .

WILLIAM SAMUEL,[4] son of Jacob Barnett,[3] mar. *Amanda J. Starritt-Repass*, June 13, 1882, and resides at Broad Ford, Smyth Co., Va They have had chil.:

I. *Mattie Pearl*, b. Aug. 23, 1883.
II. *Herbert Lang*,[5] b. Mch 23, 1886.
III. *Walter Starritt*,[5] b. Dec. 22, 1887.
IV. *Robert Cloyd*,[5] b. Nov. 12, 1890.

THOMAS JEFFERSON,[4] son of Jacob Barnett,[3] mar. *Tempia McNew*, June 25, 188*, and resides at Clover Bottom, Tenn. They have chil.:

I. *Willie Robert*,[5] b. May 4, 1885.
II. *John Cook*,[5] b. Aug. 5, 1886.

III *Mary Ann*, b. July 15, 1888.
IV. *Jacob Henry*, b. . . . . 1890; d. . . . . 1892.
V. *Hattie Lelia*, b. May 10, 1893.
VI. *Rebecca L.*, b. . . . . 1895.

JACOB COOPER,[4] son of Jacob Barnett,[3] mar. *Bettie Virginia Lloyd*, July 31, 1889; resides at Meadow View, Va., and has child:
I. *Lillian Barnett*, b. June 7, 1890.

GORDON CLOYD,[4] son of Jacob Barnett,[3] mar. *Ella A. Hutton*, Edmondson, June 6, 1894; resides at Glade Spring, Va., and has chil.:
I. *India B.*, b. May 6, 1895.
II. *Jennie Low*, b. Sept. 6, 1896.

WILLIAM VINAL,[6] son of Ebenz.,[5] Ebenz.,[4] Ebenz.,[3] John,[2] mar. *Betsey*, dau. of Eliphalet *Waterman*, b. Duxbury, July 12, 1796, d. Charlestown, Apl. 20, 1881. He d. Boston, Aug. 10, 1849. She was admitted, June 6, 1861, to the Harvard Church, Charlestown, and in Nov., 1869, one "*Bro.* (*W. H.*) *Kent*" was delegate to New South Free Church, Rev. W. P. Tilden, pastor, at the installation of Rev. Chas. E. Grinnell. This *W. H. Kent* was connected with this church for many years, and had a lot in Mt. Auburn Cemetery, where *Job Kent* is buried.

WM. V. and BETSEY W. KENT had six children, all now deceased; one of these, a son, was

WILLIAM HENRY,[7] b. Mch. 21, 1823, in Duxbury; mar. *Rebecca Prentiss*, b. Oct. 10, 1822, at West Cambridge. She is still living (1897). He d. Feb. 7, 1889, at Charlestown. At the dedication of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument at Charlestown, in 1872, the Hon. W. H. Kent was mayor of the city.

WILLIAM H. and REBECCA P. KENT had a dau., ALICE, who mar. in Charlestown, Jan'y 16, 1879, *Dr. Wm. Duncan Robertson* of Stanstead, Canada. He d. Sept. 30, 1883, at Halifax, N.S., aged 30; no issue.

William V. Kent & Thomas W. Herrick, *merchants*, of Boston, in consideration of $45.00 paid by Martin Waterman of Duxbury, mariner, conveyed Marsh land in Duxbury. Dated Oct. 25, A.D. 1839. Betsey W., wife of William V. Kent.

William V. Kent of Boston, merchant, in consideration of $300.00 paid by Thomas W. Herrick of Boston merchant, conveyed land in Duxbury. Dated, May 24, A.D. 1839. Betsey W. wife of William V. Kent.

Martin Waterman, of Duxbury, mariner, *Wm. V. Kent*, & Thomas W. Herrick, both of Boston, merchants, in consideration of $58.93 paid by Nathan C. Brewster of Duxbury, yeoman, conveyed Salt meadow in Duxbury Marsh, about 2 acres 57 rods. Dated, Sept. 13, 1839. Betsey W., wife of Wm. V. Kent.

Thomas Herrick, of Brighton, merchant, Martin Waterman of Duxbury, Master mariner, & *William V. Kent of Boston, Merchant, Betsey W. Kent wife of s'd William V.* in her right, in consideration of $300. paid by Dura Wadsworth of Duxbury, conveyed land in Duxbury. Dated Jany 5th, 1842.

William V. Kent was at one time speaker of the House in the N.H. Legislature. Lafayette was his guest in the old Kent mansion during his visit to N.H.

WILLIAM,[6] son of William A.,[5] mar. 1st, *Catharine Hutchins* of Concord, N.H., Nov. 27, 1817, by whom he had 10 children. She was b. July 21, 1792, and d. Mch. 12, 1839. He mar. 2d, *Letitia C. Stinson* of Dunbarton, N.H., who d. Oct. 19, 1883. By her had 1 child. He d. Cornwell, Conn., Aug. 12, 1886, aged 93.

Col. Wm. Kent was for several years *Representative* in the Legislature of N.H. He was in the naval office of the Boston Custom House for 13 years. He was in *command of the N.H. Militia*, and of the escort to *Lafayette* when he visited Concord. He was a contemporary of Robt. Hooper at Atkinson Academy, Atkinson, N.H. In 1816 he was *Capt.* of 1st Co. Inf.; in 1821 *Major;* 1823 *Lieut.-Col.;* and 1825 *Col.* of 11th Regt. In 1817 a sham fight took place between Col. Kent's Regt. and one commanded by a son of David George, in which the participants got so excited they began loading with gravel, when the town authorities interfered.

Col. William[6] Kent had children:

I. Charlotte Augusta, b. Sept. 3, 1818, Concord, N.H.

II. William Austin,[7] b. May 5, 1820.

III. Lucy Jane, b. Sept. 25, 1821, Concord, N.H.; mar. May 27, 1845, Ambrose Wellington of Concord, a grad. of *Harv. Coll., 1841*, and had 3 chil.: **1.** Alice Marlard, b. June 12, 1847; mar. at Boston, Jan'y 12, 1876, Daniel M. Rollins, of New York, by whom she has 1 child, Marlard Wellington, b. Brooklyn, June 24, 1877. **2.** Edward Winslow, b. Feb'y 4, 1853; mar. at Roxbury, Sept. 23, 1879, Clara Edwards of Boston Highlands, and has 1 child, Waldo Foster, b. Sept. 26, 1884, Carneiro, Kan. **3.** Walter Kirkwood, b. Feb'y 24, 1858; d. June 6, 1860.

IV. Henry Mellen,[7] b. Nov. 8, 1823.

V. John, d. in infancy.

VI. Mary Kirkwood, b. Aug. 27, 1827.

VII. John,[7] b. Sept. 8, 1829.

VIII. Ellen Emerson, b. July 31, 1831.

IX. Charles Edward,[7] b. Nov. 26, 1833.

X. Prentiss Mellen,[7] b. Aug. 17, 1837.

XI. Frederick Augustus,[7] b. Oct. 2, 1840.

GEORGE,[6] son of William A.,[5] *grad. Dartmouth Coll.* with *A.M.* in 1814. He studied law and adm. to the bar 1817. He settled in Concord, where he was *Cashier* of the *Concord Bank* in 1821. In 1828 he represented the town at the *General Court.* He was a *trustee* of *Dartmouth College* for several years, resigning in 1840. In 1832 he delivered the *Phi Beta Kappa* oration. (One George Kent was schoolmaster in Dist. No. 5.) George[6] was *Editor* and part proprietor of the "N.H. Statesman and Concord Register," a semi-weekly paper started in Concord in May, 1842. Under President Lincoln he was *Consul at Valencia, Spain.* When 82 years of age he was *clerk* in the *Treasury* Department at *Washington.*

George Kent mar. a lady of means. He had a fund of political knowledge dating back twenty years and more, and gloried in his memory of political events. He lived a very quiet life, varying little from his beaten track, both in business and social pursuits, year after year. In 1833 he was chosen a deacon of the Orthodox Church after declining the nomination. About 1834 he had accumulated quite a large property, and during the wild speculations of 1835 he, with others, purchased lands in Maine and made many thousands of dollars. At Concord he bought the Green estate for $5,000. He sold half of it for $10,000 and retained the balance. In July, 1834, Mrs. Kent became quite feeble and he took her to Hampton Beach. His income at this time was large, and he gave much time to and joined the *Anti-slavery Party*, being drawn into it, so it is said, by his wife, her sisters, N. P. Rogers, and Geo. Kimball. When the academy was built in Concord some ill-feeling existed between the Orthodox and Unitarians as to who should have control, but it was finally settled. Mr. Kent took a prominent part. He was fond of conversing with traders, farmers, stage-drivers, and speculators, especially when about 40 yrs. of age. In 1835 Mrs. Kent had recovered her health and good spirits, seeming to enjoy the world and her husband's riches highly. There was no house in the town furnished more expensively or in better taste. Both George and Wm. A. Kent spent most of their time during the latter part of their lives in Concord at the bank, in "elegant leisure."

George[6] mar. *Lucia Ann*, dau. of Hon. Daniel *Farrand* of Burlington, Vt., a decided abolitionist, with unusual energy of character. During the excitement of 1835 she showed her decision of character by taking a colored woman to her pew in church. When her house was assailed in search of George

Thompson, Mrs. Kent, although in feeble health, boldly met the assailants at the door, and assured them Thompson was not there.

GEORGE[6] and LUCIA A. KENT had children:

I. ALEXANDER HAMILTON,[7] b. Oct. 22, 1822.
II. MARY FARRAND, b. June 23, 1823.
III. GEORGE FREDERICK,[7] b. Feb. 4, 1824.

EDWARD,[6] son of William A.,[5] mar. 1st, *Sarah M.*, dau. of Nath'l *Johnston*, Esq., of Hillsborough, N.H., by whom he had 3 chil. She d. 1853. He mar. 2d, *Abby A.*, dau. of Rev. Otis *Rockwood*, by whom he had 1 child. He *grad. Harvard Coll.* 1821, at the age of 19, and was a member of the *Phi Beta Kappa Society.* Among his classmates were Ralph Waldo Emerson, Josiah Quincy, Robt. W. Barnwell, Chas. W. Upham, and Judge Edw. G. Loring. He studied law under Benj. Orr and Chancellor Kent; and in 1825 opened a law office in Bangor, where he d. 1879. He was admitted as *Counsellor* in the *Supreme Court* in 1827, which year he was also appointed *Chief Justice* of the Court of Sessions. He formed a partnership with Judge Jonas Cutting in 1831. "*Colby*" conferred the honorary degree of *LL.D.* on him in 1821. In 1828–29 he was sent to the *Legislature* from his district. In 1829 he delivered the Fourth of July oration at Bangor. He was elected *Mayor of Bangor* in 1836 and 1837, and was *Governor of the State of Maine in 1838*, being a Whig. He was also governor in 1840. He was *Trustee* of the Insane Hospital. He was in 1842 made a commissioner by the State Legislature, representing the State in the negotiations of the *Ashburton Treaty* at Washington. In 1849 he was appointed by President Zachary Taylor *Consul to Rio de Janeiro.* In 1859 he was appointed to a seat upon the bench of the *Supreme Court* of Maine, holding office until 1873, when he left the bench and went to Europe. Among those who own lots in Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Mass., are Edw. Kent, Chas. C. Kent, Mary C. Kent, and Alvah B. Kent. An incident of his life in Augusta is mentioned in the local history: At 10.30 P.M. one night a fire broke out in a clothing store; the then Governor Kent was in town and present at the fire; he "worked like a Trojan at the brakes of one of the engines, and a part of the time in wielding the heavy fire hook."

He is described in July, 1833, as being 31 yrs. old, large, "fat and healthy," full of vivacity and good humor, temperate, and

taking a lively interest in passing scenes; a favorite at the bar, pleased with his profession, enjoying life, and with a fair prospect of becoming eminent. In Aug., 1834, he had business transactions with Moody Kent at Concord.

GOVERNOR EDWARD KENT,[6] had chil., b. in Bangor:

I. JAMES, b. . . . . ; d. Rio Janeiro.

II. CHARLOTTE, b. . . . . ; mar. at Rio Janeiro an English gentleman and d. there of yellow fever, leaving infant, since d.

III. KITTY, b. . . . . ; d. 1855.

IV. EDWARD,[7] b. . . . .

ROSWELL S.,[6] son of Nath'l,[5] Warren,[4] mar. *Teresa A.*, dau. of Capt. John *Blake*. He was app. *Postmaster* of Mt. Vernon, Me., in 1880. He had children:

I. HARRY H.,[7] b. . . . . ; d. in California, 1882.

II. MILLIE, b. . . . . ; d. 1864.

III. ELLIS, b. . . . . ; d. 1861.

IV. LIZZIE C., b. . . . .

V. MINNIE L., b. . . . .

VI. CATHERINE R., b. . . . .

WARREN,[6] son of Dwelle,[5] mar. at Boston, Jany. 17, 1860, *Elizabeth C. Gardner* of Camden, Me., and had children:

I. CHARLES E. W.,[7] b. Dec. 3, 1860, Boston.

II. HELEN G., b. Jany. 31, 1866, Boston.

HERVEY,[6] son of Asa,[5] is *Prest. of the Exeter Mfg. Co.* of Exeter, N.H., in 1897. He mar. Oct. 14, 1841, *Eliza Jane*, third dau. of Ebenezer and Alice Boyce *Hanson* of Derry, N.H., b. July 13, 1822, and had children:

I. GEORGIA L., b. June 24, 1845, in Newton, Mass.; d. July 19, 1896, in Exeter.

II. EMMA JANE, b. Mch. 10, 1848, in Barre, Mass.; d. Sept. 29, 1870, in Exeter.

III. CORA LILLIE, b. July 17, 1850, in Lawrence, Mass.; mar. in Exeter, Apl. 13, 1881, John James Bell, eldest son of Sam'l Dana and Mary Healy Bell. He was b. Oct. 30, 1827, in Chester, N.H., and d. Aug. 22, 1893, in Manchester. They had chil.: **1.** Samuel Kent, b. Mch. 1, 1888. **2.** John Kent, b. Feby. 4, 1891.

IV. GEORGE EDWARD,[7] b. Dec. 31, 1857, Great Falls, N.H., is in 1897 the proprietor of the Pittsfield Mills at Pittsfield, N.H., where he resides, and Genl. Mangr. of the

Exeter Mfg. Co. of Exeter. He mar. June 10, 1884, *Addie C. Gale*, who was b. Apl. 21, 1865, in Concord, N.H., and they have chil. b. in Pittsfield: **1.** Margaret, b. Mch. 16, 1885. **2.** Robert,[8] b. May 14, 1886. **3.** Hervey,[8] b. May 29, 1889.

CHARLES H.[6] of Davenport, Ia., 1897, son of Asa,[5] mar. *Harriet Chase Peaslee* of N.H. They had two children:

I. Charles Francis,[7] b. July 5, 1863, a druggist.

II. Ella, b. . . . . ; mar. Judge Henry A. Shute of Exeter, N.H., Aug. 12, 1897.

JAMES,[7] son of Charles,[6] Ebenz.,[5] was named for New York's great jurist. He *grad.* at "*William and Mary College*," Williamsburg, Va., at 18 yrs. At 21 he *grad.* from the *University of Penn. in medicine*, and moved to Selma, Ala., where he practised twenty years, and was several times *President* of the *Medical Board*. When the Civil War broke out he was *Captain* of the "*Independent Blues*" of Selma, which was the first company to volunteer from Ala. He was ordered with his company, by Gov. Moore, to Fort Morgan, Jan'y, 1861, and entered the Confederate service May 28, 1861, being assigned to the 8th Ala. Regt. In 1862 he raised the 44th Ala. Regt., which entered service in April, prior to which as *Col.* he was placed in charge of the Federal prisoners captured at the battle of Shiloh. The 44th was assigned to Longstreet's Corps, Army of Northern Virginia. At the battle of Selma, Apl. 2, 1865, he served as *surgeon*. About 1870, his health failing, he retired from practice to his plantation near Birmingham, Jefferson Co., Ala., from which place he was sent to the *Legislature* in 1880. *He mar. Mch. 1, 1855, Mary Grey*, a dau. of Judge William Jeffreys *Alston*, a member of the State Legislature for many years and in 1849 a member of U.S. Congress, a descendant of John Alston, Associate Judge of Supreme Bench of No. Carolina 1724.

Dr. James[7] and Mary G. Alston Kent had children:

I. Mary Rosaline, b. Mch. 1, 1856, at Selma; was educated at the Augusta Female Seminary, Staunton, Va.; mar. Edward Taylor Fowlkes, Sept. 8, 1875, at Blount Springs, Ala., and has had 2 chil.: **1.** Grace Byrd, b. Aug. 17, 1876; d. Aug. 22, 1876. **2.** Ethel Edward, b. Nov. 2, 1879.

II. Mattie Byrd, b. Oct. 8, 1858; d. Nov. 2, 1886, in Selma;

she mar. Apl. 14, 1880, Benjamin Harrison Wilkins of Rich-

mond, Va., a lineal descendant of Benjamin Harrison, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. They had one child: **1.** Mary Grey, b. Jan'y 17, 1881, at Selma.

WILLIAM AUSTIN,[7] son of Col. William,[6] mar. *Nora Isabelle Bartley*, in New Orleans, La., Apl. 22, 1858. She was b. Feb. 20, 1838, in Louisville, Ky., where she now resides (1897), and where she mar. 2d, Henry J. Tilford, Mr. Kent having d. May 5, 1873.

Wm. A. and Isabelle B. Kent had children, b. in New Orleans:

I. William Bartley, b. Jan'y 14, 1860; d. Mch. 19, 1861.
II. Harry Austin, b. Aug. 23, 1861; d. Feb. 19, 1864.
III. Lillie, b. Sept. 29, 1865.
IV. William Austin,[8] b. Aug. 13, 1870.

HENRY MELLEN,[7] son of Col. William,[6] mar. at Bangor, Me., in 1850, *Harriet Farnham*, b. Winthrop, Me., 1830. They had children, all born at Bangor, excepting Nora, viz.:

I. Ellen May, b. 1851.
II. Edward Austin,[8] b. Feb. 19, 1854, now of Buffalo, N.Y.
III. Charles Farnham,[8] b. 1856; d. 1878.
IV. William Winthrop,[8] b. 1860.
mar. *Jessie Adams*, in Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 8, 1887. They had chil.: **1.** Agnes Mellen, b. 1888. **2.** Winthrop,[9] b. 1891. **3.** Katherine, b. 1894. **4.** Charlotte Austin, b. 1897.
V. Charlotte Mellen, b. 1864.
VI. Nora Bartley, b. 1867, at Buffalo, where she mar., in 1892, Harry Kent White, of Boston, Mass.; and they have one child, Louise, b. 1895.

FREDERICK A.,[7] son of Col. William,[6] served in the *44th Mass. Vol. Inf.* during the war of the Rebellion; and from 1868 to 1872 he was *Captain's Clerk* in the *U.S. Navy* on the U.S. men-of-war "Albany" and "Congress." He was clerk in the *Naval Office*, Boston, fourteen years; and in 1897 is *Examiner* in the *U.S. Appraiser's Dept.*, Custom House, Boston. He mar., Jan'y 1, 1874, *Helen P. Stearns*, b. at Concord, N.H., May 30, 1842; no issue.

CHARLES FRANCIS,[7] of DeWitt, Iowa, son of Chas. H.,[6] Asa,[5] is a *grad.* of the *Northwestern University*, Dept. of

Pharmacy. He mar., May 9, 1893, *Elizabeth Anderson*, of Davenport, Iowa, b. Sept. 26, 1865, and they have chil.:

I. FREDERICK WALLACE,[8] b. Feb. 3, 1894.
II. MAUD JEANNETTE, b. Apl. 23, 1895.
III. GORDON LEROY,[8] b. Oct. 18, 1896.

A family of Kents reside in Paterson, N.J.

BENJAMIN KENT, whose father, RIDLEY KENT, came to America in 1832 from England. His grandfather was BENJAMIN KENT, a clergyman of Trowbridge and other English cities, as were two generations earlier. Benj. Kent's uncle WILLIAM is a book publisher (1897), of Paternoster Row, London.

There is a family at Fort Madison, Iowa, that emigrated from Hampshire County, Virginia, to Ohio in 1800. The generations we have records of are:

JAMES KENT.[1]

SILAS,[2] son of James,[1] mar. Olive West, and had children b. in Ohio. All d. but Daniel. 1. Rachel. 2. John. 3. Charlota. 4. Hiram. 5. Wesley. 6. Mishach. 7. Mary. 8. *Daniel.*[3] 9. Emma. 10. Levi. 11. Elijah. 12. Silas.

DANIEL,[3] b. in Madison Co., Ohio. Was Lt.-Col. of the 19th Iowa Infantry. He mar. 1st, May, 1840, Ann Jane Phillips, who d. 1845. He mar. 2nd, 1848, Lucinda Harrington, who d. 1882. He mar. 3rd, Sarah Rollins. He had 3 chil. by his 2nd wife, viz.: 1. Florence. 2. Gurley. 3. Mattie — all married.

CHAPTER II.

JOSHUA KENT OF DEDHAM, AND TRACES OF POSSIBLE ENGLISH ANCESTRY, A.D. 1542 TO 1676.

The following extracts from the English records relate to the families of Kent:

FROM HERTFORDSHIRE RECORDS.

Robert Watlington of Redyng Clothmaker owner of the Whitley Estate ob. 1542 = Elizabeth Vachell died 1548

Nicholas Watlyngton owner of the Whitley Estate = *Alice Kent*

REGISTERS OF ECCLESFIELD PARISH CHURCH.

Burials Mense Aprilis 1583 *joan Kent* Sepult iij' die
Mense Maij 1592 *Peter Kent* Sepult —— viij' die

Footnote from the Court Rolls, 28 Hen. VIII., April 5: *Robert Kent* Surrenders one Acre above Milnefield in Ecclesfield to William Mathyman

ABSTRACTS OF SOMERSETSHIRE WILLS.

5th Series: Sir Charles Wiseman of Steventon, Berks, Knt. Will dated 20 Oct 1633 proved 5 Nov. 1635, by his relict Lady Mary Wiseman [120 Sadler] To be burd at Steventon with my father and mother, By Indenture 1 May 5 Ch. I have granted to John Fettiplace, of Childrey Esq., *Francis Kente* of West Locking Esq. & James Heron of Abingdon Gent. the lease of Steventon, &c. for the portions of my younger children . . . . .

GENEALOGIA BEDFORDIENSIS.

Matthew Kent of Flitton gent. will dated 9 Dec 1670. to be buried in par. ch. of Clophill, to daughters Dorothy & Grace £10 each, to son Thomas house in C with barn & orchard lately bought of Edward Hill of C. pr. 15 Apr 1678.

HARLEIAN SOCIETY RECORDS.

1675 May 15 Marriage Licenses at the Faculty office. Richard Hart of Cheively, Berks, Bach^r. 40 & *Margery Kent* of Avington, s^d. Co. Sp^r. 23 — dau of *Thomas Kent*, of same, Gent, who consents: at St Mary. Islington, middx. or St Mary Somerset London.

HAMPSHIRE ALLEGATIONS OF MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Contains the marriages of a number of Kents from 1711 to 1823.

Dorset wills and administrations in the Probate Register at Blandford, Dorchester:

KENT	Abraham . . .	Dorchester	9.	1779
"	Hannah	"	28.	1780
"	Aaron Winterborne	St Giles	66.	1786

CAUSICK'S EPITAPHS OF MIDDLESEX.

Beneath this stone are interred in the joyful hope of a blessed resurrection the mortal remains of

Lucy Kent

of Hoxne in the County of Suffolk who was suddenly cut off by small pox the 8th. day of January 1836 in the 21st. year of her age.

"Watch ye, therefore for ye know not when the Master of the House Cometh; at Even, or at Midnight or at the Cock-crowing or in the Morning"

Also *Edward Kent* Brother of the above who died with the same disease July 6th 1838 in the 27 year of his age.

(In old S. Pancras Church, Middlesex.)

To the Memory of

William Jon^n. Kent Esqre

late Captain in His Majesty's 21st. Light Dragoons, who died the 15th of November 1820 aged 44 years.

(In old S. Pancras Church, Middlesex.)

JOSHUA KENT appears in Dedham, Mass., as early as 1643, being adm. to the church "ye 9^m 1644." The Church Record says that "*Mary ye wife of bro. Joshuah* Kent was received into the ch. 2^d 2^m 1654."

Also that "JOSHUA KENT went for England wth our testimoniall but to returne againe 11^{m} 1644 m^{d} he returned 1645."

"m^{d} ye s^{d} Joshuah Kent having brought ov'r 2 of his brothers & placed them in ye country yet w^{t}h his wife returned to England 10^{m} 1647 his reasons not well satisfiing his freinds or church heere."

"m^{d} ye said Joshuah Kent upon ye trobles arising againe in England & wares ther 1648 he returned w^{t}h his wife againe about ye 8^{m} y^{t} yeare."

He was a freeman 1646; apparently he had no sons.

Children of Joshua and Mary Kent:

I. MARY, b. . . . . ; mar. . . . . Cumbers (probably not mar., but a child of Mrs. Kent by a first husband named Cumbers).

II. LIDDIA (Lideah), b. Feb. 17, bapt. 28, 1646–7.

III. SARAH (Sary), b. Mch. 27, bapt. Apl. 7, 1650.

IV. MARY, b. Oct. 15, bapt. Dec. 14, 1651.

Joshua Kent was a prominent man, and active in affairs of the church and town.

To the much Honrd. the Govern^{r} the Dep^{t} Govern^{r} and the Assistants and Deputies assembled in Generall Courte at Boston 7 of 3mo 1662

The petition of us the Inhabitants of *Dedham* whose names are heere uato subscribed. Humbly Sheweth:

That whereas there haue bene some controuersey depending betwixt our Towne and *Severall Indians* ye Inhabitants of Naticke who without our Consent and contrary to our declared intent have entered upon and posessed. some p^{t} of our Lands granted to vs by the Hono^{bl} Generall Courte: in which case we moued the Generall Courte Anno 1655 for advice, whose counsell (vpon debate of the case) was that we should referre it for issue to a due course of Lawe. where bute at length we have attended after the endeavours to settle the case in a more loueing and peaceable waye. proved ineffectuall. and whereas vpon the bringing it to Legall Tryall in the Countie Courte at Boston the Jurie finding for us the plaintifs the magistrates were pleased not to accept the verdict where vpon the case came by to the courte of Assistants where the Jury againe findeing for us, and the verdict being psented to the Magistrates owned by all the Jury — recorded and declared, the Magistrates were pleased afterwards to send the Jurie out agayne. and some of the Jurie dissented from that verdict formerly agreed vnto. where vpon the Magistrates adjourned that Courte to the Twelfth. of May instant, by reason of which adjourm^{t} we are Incapeable of haveing the Said Case issued this p^{r}sent Courte in case the benche & Jurie Should not concurre, the time of p^{r}Senting petitions to this Courte being before that time. and we not haveing optunitie to take Coppies of the Records of Court. they being w^{h}. the Jurie the Twelfth of this prsent month, without which Records We cannot prduce the case, which Coppies without order from this Court we cannot attayne

The prmises considered. we humbly praye this much Honord Court that we maye yet peaceably posesse and enjoye our Laweful Rights in the Case p^{r}mised and that by the Fau . . . and Justice there of this controuersie may be issued in Case it be not Settled to our Comfort by the Court and Jurie before mentioned. not Doubting but that we as subjects to this Goverm^{t} shall as freely enjoye the benefit of Lawe. as we. have beene and & we hope shall continue free

and ready to beare our p portion in Supporting the same that so not with Standing such discouragem^ts as we have borne in this case yet we may be free & ready to serve our God in our. generation and not be disabled to p forme what might other wise be expected from us to that end. So we your petitioners Shall still praye that the p tection and good Conduct of the Lord may ever remayne wth you in all your Counsels & conclusions Subscribed by us your humble petitioners

Joshua Kent
and 46 other names

From the *Suffolk Probate Records*, Vol. 1. p 433, we find: 22 of the Second Month Called Aprill 1664 In the name of God, amen: I JOSHUA KENT of DEDHAM in the Countye of Suffolke being of good understanding and Memory through the mercye of God Do make this my Last Will and testament ffirst & Before all things I Doe Committ my soul unto Jesus Christe my alone Savio^r. and Redeemer & my Body to the Earth from wch it was received to be interred in Decent manner according to the Discretion of my Execut^r as for my worldly Estate which the Lord hath made me steward of I Doe Dispose of as ffolloweth ffirst that all my Debts be paid and the Remainder of my Estate I Give unto *Mary my Wife* whom I Doe make my Sole Executrix of this my Last will whereunto I have set my hand Seale as is first above written

Read Sighned & Sealed in the presence of us
Michaell Metcalfe
Peter R Woodward
His Marke.

Joshua Kent { His Marke & a Seale

Mary, wife of Joshua, d. Nov. 28, 1676. Her will is as follows:

In the yeare of Our Lord One Thousand Six hundred & Seventy two the Tenth Day of the tenth month, I. *Mary Kent of Deadham, in the County of Suffolk* in New England. being aged & thereby putt in mind of mortality, do ordaine & make this my last will & Testament for the disposing & Settling of that part of the things of this life, over which the lord hath made me his steward, *that peace & righteousness may remaine amonnst my posterity*, wherein and I Committ my Soule into the hand of my Saviour Jesus Christ, and my body to the Earth, whence it was taken, there to be Interred after my Decease, in decent & Christian manner at the discretion of my Executo^rs.

Item I Give unto *Mary my youngest daughter*, all that my land Swamps and upland lying from the Streete downe to the Wigwam plaine brooke with all the houses & other Improvements vpon the same, and two Cow Commons. & my divident neare Medfield, also my mare & pannell One feather bed, One Rug, one blanket, Two pairs of Sheets, one paire of pillow Covers. One Table cloth, Two Napkins, Two Towels, one Warming pan. One frying pan One Iron pott: One brasse Skillet, one Wainscott Chest. One pewter platter and my biggest brasse Kettle & best hatt, Item. I Give vnto *Mary Cumbers* my *Eldest Daughter*, my red Suite & Sarge Wastcoate, and a mans Cloake, and Two Shifts, One neck hankercheife Three Dressing & One greene Apron. Item vnto my other two daughters *Lydia & Sarah Kent* all the rest of my Estate that is not perticulerly disposed of in this my present Will, after all my debts are paid And I doe appointe & ordaine my Loveing friends Peter Woodward Seino^r and Thomas Mettcalfe of Dedham, to be my Executo^rs for. the full & due pformance of this my last will, in all respects as is above written, In Wittness whereof. I the Said Mary Kent have hereunto Sett my hand & Seale, Dated as is first above written

Signed & Sealed in presence of us.
Peter Woodward junio^r.
John Guild Junior

Mary Kent T her marke & a Seale.

Peter Woodward Junio^r & Jno Guild Junio^r made oath in Court or^o ffebr. 167[illegible] that they being present Did heare. & See, *Mary Kent* Signe Seale & publish this

Instrument to be her last Will &. Testam^t & that when she did so Shee was of a disposeing minde to their best vnderstanding

as attest Is^s. Addington Cler

Compared ffeb^r. 17°: 167⅔ pr. Js^s. Addington Cler.

Other Kents recorded in Dedham are: *Geo. W. Kent* of Dorchester, who mar. Mary Paul of Ded., Mch. 5, 1843, and had a child b. Apl. 10, 1844; also *Sarah Kent* and Ambrose Richards of Bos. mar. July 12, 1841; also *Mahala Kent*, who mar. Levi H. Paul July 12, 1843; also Caroline Helen Deane, b. May 20, 1847, mar., Dec. 25, *Levi F. Kent*, and d. July 3, 1882, leaving one infant, adopted by David W. and Annie S. Deane.

There is a family of Kents in Bradford, Pa., three generations of which are as follows:

CARLTON KENT.[1]

ABEL,[2] son of Carlton,[1] b. Oct. 19, 1816; d. 1868; mar. Marrietta Snedaker, b. Sept. 2, 1826; d. 1879. Chil.:

I. *Theresa J.*, b. Nov. 15, 1849; mar. . . . Bishop.
II. *Amelia E.*, b. Nov. 15, 1851; mar. . . . Meeker.
III. *John S.*,[3] b. Jany. 29, 1854.
IV. *Helen*, b. Feb. 25, 1856; mar. . . . Crandall.
V. *Philo A.*,[3] b. Feb. 5., 1859, at Herrick, Pa.
VI. *Etta*, b. Feb. 4, 1861; mar. . . . Dewey.
VII. *Della*, b. Mch. 26, 1865.

PHILO A.,[3] son of Abel,[2] mar. Mantie C. Cochrane, b. Aug. 15, 1863, Meadville, Pa., and had chil.:

I. *Paul C.*,[4] b. June 20, 1893, at Bradford.
II. *Harry L.*,[4] b. Dec. 27, 1894, " "

There are families of Kent at Kingston, Ont., Canada, and at Janesville, Rock Co., Wis., who descended from a family of Lincolnshire, Eng., viz.:

The original emigrant[1] came to Canada in 1830. He was b. in Somersby, Lincolnshire, Eng., Nov. 15, 1777; d. at Kingston, Ont., Nov. 9, 1853. He mar. Rebekah Cartwright, who was b. at Ulceby, Lincolnshire, Eng., Jan. 27, 1781; d. St. Lue, Prov. Que., Apl. 29, 1896. (According to N. Kent's letter.) They had children:

I. CARTWRIGHT,[2] b. at Swaby, Lincolnshire, Nov. 24, 1805; d. London, Ont., July 24, 1880. He had among other chil.: *Arthur*,[3] b. at Chataqua, Can., Sept 1, 1834; mar. at Janesville, Wis., Oct. 23, 1866, to Harriet M. Liddle. No issue.
II. ALBERT,[2] b. at Alford, Lincolnshire, Oct. 24, 1807; d. Campbelford, Ont., Apl. 8, 1886.
III. DORIS, b. at Branston, Lincolnshire, Jany. 22, d. July 27, 1810.

IV. EDWIN,[7] b. Branston, Eng., June 24, 1811; d. at St. Lue, Prov. Que., Jany. 1, 1833.

V. MYRA, b. at Branston June 18, 1813; d. at Green County, Ia., June 10, 1870.

VI. FELIX,[7] b. at Somersby, Eng., Dec. 22, 1814; d. at Metis, Prov. of Que., May 6, 1883.

VII. IDDA, b. at Somersby Sept. 14, 1817; d. at Lachine Mch. 27, 1897.

VIII. LUBIN,[7] b. at Somersby, Lincolnshire, Mch. 8, 1819, — living in 1897.

IX. RIBERT,[7] b. Somersby Mch. 13, 1821; d. Kingston, Ont., Apl. 3, 1893.

X. BELINDA, b. at Branston June 25, 1823; d. at Toronto June 27, 1886.

XI. NOEL,[7] b. Saxelby Castle, Lincolnshire, Eng., Oct. 27, 1827, — living Kingston, Ont., 1897.

CHAPTER III.

JOSEPH KENT OF DEDHAM, LATER OF BRISTOL COUNTY, MASS., HIS DESCENDANTS IN MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND, AND POSSIBLE ENGLISH ANCESTRY, A.D. 1558–1895.

The following are a few items gleaned from the English records relating to Kents:

THE HARLEIAN SOCIETY.

Allegations for Marriage Licenses issued by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, *1558* to *1699*:

1611–12, Feb. 5. *Walter Kent* of St Margaret's, Westminster, Cutler & Suzanna Williams of same. Widow, relict of John Williams, late of same dec^d^.; at Same.

WILLS AND INVENTORIES OF THE NORTHERN COUNTIES OF ENGLAND.

William Blunte Priest of Croxsdale. In dei no'e Amen. the xj day of August in the yeare of o^r^ lorde god a thosand fyve hondreth fyftie & 'eyght. I Will'm blunte preist of croksdale wth hole mynde & good Remembrance

Also I gyve & bequeathe vnto my Sister Jennet iiij^l^, to be good vnto my brother thom's blunte touching the cloose & so if She be not good vnto my brother I will not gyve hir the iiij^l^. but vnto my brother, ... Also I gyve & bequethe vnto *george kent* & *henrie kent* x^s^ [P^r^. 1558]

YORKSHIRE FINES.

1582, Trinity Term, 24 Elizabeth. Plaintiffs, John Deyne and *Edward Kent*. Deforciants, Henry Mawde and Jenetta his wife. Nature and situation of the property, messuage and a cottage in Skyrcott.

1596–7, Hilary Term, 39 Elizabeth. Plaintiff, Samuel Saltonstall. Deforciants, *Edward Kente* and *Agnes his wife*. Nature and situation of the property, messuage with lands in Hipperholm and Preistley.

REGISTER OF CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH. MARRIAGES.

Nov. 14, 1639. John Jackson and *Jone Kent* (barnes).
Jan. 2, 1667. *Beniamin Kent* and Ann Andrews (b).
Jan. 24, 1668. *Henry Kente* and Susan Pickett.

BURIALS.

Aug. 2, 1634 *Elizabeth Kent*, 50.
Aug. 16, 1636. *Frances Kent*, 60.
" 22 " *Symon Kent*, 9.
Oct. 4, 1638. *Elizabeth Kent*, 14.
Feb. 2, 1646. *Joseph Kent*, ½.

SURREY AND SUSSEX LAMBETH VAUX HALL.

In 1652 the parliament resolved that this should be sold, and it was purchased by John Trenchold. On the Restoration it came again into the king's hands, who granted a lease to Lord Moore. Some years after it was granted by lease from the Duke of Cornwall to *Mr. Kent*, distiller, who had a large distillery thereon.

JOSEPH KENT[1] appears in Dedham, Mass., in 1645, where he arrived from England in company with his brother Joshua, who had previously resided there. There was a Joseph in New Hampshire, 1689. There can be but little doubt that *Elizabeth Harder* of Braintree was connected with this family, as is shown in her will, viz.:

WILL OF *Elizabeth Harder, 1, 4th, 1664.* I *Elizabeth Harder* of BRAINTREE, doe make this my last will, God hauing giuen mee *only one Daughter*, which is my only Childe. I : doe giue and bequeath my whole estate, mooveable & Imooveable unto her, her heirs & assigns forever, excepting such legacyes as are heerafter Specified. & doe Constitute & ordain her my sole executrix of this my Last will & Testament & Doe Intreate my Louing Friends, William Needham & Samuel Tomson, of Brantrye to be my Overseers. I giue unto *Elisabeth Saunders. my. Daughter's Child* £20. with my Bed I. lye on, with all belonging to it, to bee paid at the age of 18 yeares, or at the day of marriage, and if Shee Dye, if my Daughter haue Farther Issue, I giue it unto the next Child & if not then to Remaine unto my Daughter, I Giue unto JOHN KENT & JOSEPH KENT, 40s apiece to bee paid within two yeares after my Decease — I Giue unto *Joshua Kents three Daughters* 20s apiece, to bee paid to them when they are 18 yeares old, or at the Day of Marriage, I Giue unto Benjamin Thomson 40s: to bee paid unto him within halfe a year after my Decease I Giue unto John Day. £5. to be paid unto him when he is 20 yeares old, upon Condition he Liue with my Sonne or Daughter till hee be twenty year Old

Elisabeth Harder.

Test Samuell Bass. John Basse who deposed Octr 6th 1664.

We whose names are here underwritten do freely upon our admission to be inhabitants of the town of *Swansey* assent to a written agreement made between the Church of Christ now meeting here at Swansey, and Captain Thomas Willett and his associates; as the said agreement is Specified and declared in the three proposals aforewritten, With the several Conditions and explanations thereof, concerning the present and future Settlement of this township — In witness, we have hereunto Subscribed (1669) *Joseph Kent*

Court Action. *1675. Joseph Kent of Swansey* complaineth against Nicholas Tanner of the same town for detaining and hindering of him of his right of what he was attested to in Swansey: and for withholding a copy of the records of his attestation notwithstanding authority against it. The jury find for the plaintiff. *Samuell Dunham* being one of the jury.

Court Orders. *June 7, 1681, Joseph Kent* was mentioned to be propounded to be a *freeman*. June 6, 1682, *Joseph Kent* was made a freeman. *July 7, 1681:* "Forasmuch as there have bine some differences lately amongst the inhabitants of the towne of *Swansey*, respecting the laying out of lands in that towneshipe, this Court doth heerby rattify and confeirme whatsoever the former comitty have don respecting the pmises, and have made choise of Capt. John Browne, Leift Willam Ingraham, Sergeant Hugh Cole, Samuell Luther, Job Winslow, and *Joseph Kent*, to be a comittee in the townes behalfe for the regulateing of matters in difference concerning lands alreddy layed out in that townshipe, and what defects doe or shall appeer unto the said comittee above named, shalbe made up of the lands undevided, and for any further devision of lands in the towne, that are to be devided, that it may be don and pformed by the propriators, they haveing liberty by this order to choose a comittee for the lawing out of land according to the three fold ranke."

"*In reference unto sixteen or seaventeen bushells of Indian corne, taken from Joseph Kent, of Swansey, and improved for the releife of some souldiers, in the time of the late Indian warrs*, this Court have ordered that it, or the vallue thereof, to be repayed by the Treasurer."

Charles V. Chapin, of the City Registrar's office, City Hall, Providence, R.I., has the following to say regarding Joseph:

We know that Joshua went to England in 1644, and returned next year with his two brothers. After that date John Kent is mentioned several times in the records previous to 1673, when he was received into the church at Charlestown. *Joseph Kent* is mentioned in the tax-rate of 1659. In 1664 *Elizabeth Hardier* of *Braintree* left 40 shillings each to John and *Joseph Kent*, and 20 shillings each to Joshua Kent's three daughters. From this we may reasonably infer that *Joshua*, *John*, and *Joseph* of *Dedham* held a similar relationship to her. But we have no record of Joseph in Dedham after 1659. The first we hear of Joseph is in Block Island. This island was settled in 1661, largely by Braintree people. When Joseph went to Block Island I do not know. Sheffield, in his history, says: "*Joseph Kent* of Swansea joined the settlement in 1661 or 1662." What his authority is I do not know. I have examined the Block Island records, which are in bad condition, and can find nothing. He was certainly in Block Island May 4, 1664, when he petitioned the legislature. The fact that this *Joseph* named his sons Joseph, Samuel, and Joshua, and that John Kent of Charlestown named his sons John, Joshua, Joseph, Samuel, and Ebenezer, would be some indication of a relationship to each other and to Joshua. I also find in *Plymouth Col. Records* that in 1681 *Joseph Kent was appointed guardian of Joseph Cahoone, and that in 1690 Hannah, dau. of John Kent of Charlestown, married Joseph Cahoone.* Perhaps Hannah became acquainted with him in the house of her uncle Joseph.

Baylies gives *Joseph Kent as the signer of a covenant* in Swansea in 1669, but I doubt if he was there as early as that. The latter names on that document

probably came later than the date of drawing it up. The *Swansea records say Joseph Kent was admitted an inhabitant 15 Dec., 1673*, and his name frequently appears in the records after that, but not before.

Arnold in his History of State of Rhode Island, Vol. 1, p. 306, says: "May, 1664. The first regular assembly, as established by the Charter, met at Newport in May. The affairs of Block Island were definitely settled at this session. Three messengers, James Sands, Thomas Terry, and *Joseph Kent*, appeared from the *Island* to signify their obedience to His Majesty's will."

JOSEPH[1] **KENT** of Taunton mar. *Susannah George*, widow, maiden name Austin, b. 1643. He d. 1704. They had children:

I. JOSEPH,[2] b. 1665.
II. SAMUEL,[2] b. 1668.
III. JOSHUA,[2] b. 1672.
IV. SUSANNAH, b. Sept. 25, 1687; mar. Dea. Benj. Cary of Bristol, and d. Aug. 10, 1774, aged 87.

JOSEPH,[2] son of Joseph,[1] mar. 1st, Nov. 11, 1690, *Mary* . . . ; 2nd, *Clarissa* . . . abt. 1696; 3d, *Dorothy*, dau. of James and Lydia *Brown*, who d. Rumford, June 2–3–4, 1727. These marriages are subject to correction. He d. Rumford, Mch. 30, 1734–5. He was an *Ensign* and also *Representative* to the General Court from Swansea for many years.

AT HIS MAJESTIES INFERIOR COURT of Common Pleas held at Bristol July 14th in the Eight year of his Majesties Reign Annoque Dom 1696

Jurors for Tryals

William Kent
Joseph Kent Jun } Swansey.

RECORDS OF THE FIRST CHURCH at Dorchester, 1636-1734.

[147] page 113 June 7e 5th 1696 . . . . . It was Proposed to ye Chh & Congregation & to *Mr. Kent of Swanzy* one of ye afforesd Grandjury particularly yt if they had ought to Object Why ye Church Should not believe & take & proceed upon the abovenamed Evidences that they Should Speak

AMONG A LIST of The names of the Persons who are the Proprietors of the Gore of Land. that lyeth between Rehoboth & Taunton & Taunton North & South Purchase. & the number of Lotts that fell to Each. Person &c.

Joseph Kent. 4
" " 5.

July 10, 1700. A Report of the Committee about Taunton Bridge Signed Josiah Edson. *Joseph Kent* John Hunt sent up from the House of Representatives. Voted upon.

To the great and generall Court now Sitting in Boston October the 17th 1711. An Account of the number of the families in the precinct prayed for at Palmers River in Rehoboth As also of. the remaining part of the Town (besides the mile & half) of the Precinct

An Account of the number of families In. Rehoboth distant from the prayed for precinct mile & half.

Joseph Kent.

JOSEPH KENT[2] had children:

I. LYDIA, b. Mch. 5, 1691, at Swansea; mar. Joseph Bozworth of Rehoboth Aug. 30, 1715.

II. JOSEPH,[3] b. Aug. 9, 1693.

III. DOROTHY (Dorothea), b. Aug. 13, 1695, Swansea; mar. Aug. 23, 1715, James Bosworth at Rehoboth, and Mch. 1, 1721, Noah Newman at Rehoboth.

IV. JOHN,[3] b. Aug. 9, 1697, Rehoboth. (One John Kent, son of John, d. Feby. 10, 1722.)

V. SUSANNAH, bapt. Apl. 24 (May 26), 1698 (or Mch. 1, 1701–2), at Rehoboth; prob. d. young.

VI. HEZEKIAH,[3] b. Feb. 6, 1699–1700; rec'd into the church Dec. 20, 1730.

VII. SUSANNAH, b. Mch. 1, 1701–2, Rehoboth; mar. at Swansea Peter Bowen, son of Richard and Patience of Rehoboth, Mch. 23, 1726–7.

VIII. MARY, b. Mch. 3, 1703–4; was mar. by Rev. David Turner, Jan. 22, 1729–30, to Joseph Barney of Rehoboth.

IX. JAMES,[3] b. Aug. 20, 1707.

SAMUEL,[2] son of Joseph,[1] mar. *Desire* . . . . , who was b. 1668 and d. Feb. 8, 1762, at Tyler's Point, where Samuel, who d. May 15, 1737, aged 70, is also buried. There appears to be some question as to who Desire, the wife of Samuel, was. She appears to have been mixed up with the family of her son-in-law, Samuel Gray. I give a few of the interesting items that have appeared in relation to this question:

WILMINGTON, N.C., Nov. 17, 1860.

Editors N.E. H. & G. Register: When at the North, in the early part of the fall, I visited the ancient burying-ground at Barrington, R.I., on the point of land opposite Warren. On one of the gravestones is the following inscription:

"*Mrs Desire Kent*, Wife of *Mr Samuel Kent*, of Barrington was the first English woman's *Gran daughter on* New England. Died Feby 8 AD. 1762 aged about 94 years."

And on another, next to the above, is this inscription:

"*Ensign* SAMUEL KENT, who died 1737 aged 70."

You will of course understand that this Mrs. *Desire Kent* was the granddaughter of Mary Chilton. She was the daughter of Edward Gray, who married the daughter of John Winslow (brother of Edward), who married Mary Chilton. You are also aware that much controversy has arisen as to who was the first person that landed from the "Mayflower" on Plymouth Rock.

Now, I have never understood that the descendants of Mary Chilton claimed that she was the *first* person who landed, but the *first woman* of the "Mayflower's" passengers. And this is no unreasonable supposition, to say nothing of tradition. I find the question was fairly argued in favor of the claims of Mary Chilton of having been the first woman who stepped upon the rock in Russell's "Pilgrim Memorials," third edition, 1860; and the inscription on *Mrs. Desire*

Kent's tombstone, made, I suppose, very soon after her death, certainly strengthens the position there assumed. As a descendant of Mary Chilton, through the Mrs. Kent referred to, I feel a personal interest in the matter, therefore send you this memorandum.

A. A. B.

KENT. IN THE REGISTER, Vol. xv., p. 12, a correspondent states that *Desire Kent* (widow of Samuel) was the granddaughter of Mary Chilton (who married John Winslow) and daughter of Edward Gray. This statement must be wrong, for according to good authority *Desire* (the daughter of Edward Gray) married Nathaniel Southworth, and furthermore the age as given makes it evident on comparing with the records that it is not the same individual. I have obtained a record elsewhere of the death of *Desire Kent* stating that she *died Feb. 8, 1763, aged 90 years*, lacking a few days. This record I consider as giving the age more exact than the inscription on the gravestone as quoted by your correspondent. My reasons for writing are: 1. To correct the statement made. 2. Because I am somewhat interested to know who were the parents of the said Desire Kent, and I thought if you would print a few lines calling for information some one might respond who possessed the desired knowledge. GEORGE W. CHASE.
PROVIDENCE, R.I.

The following are from the Boston "Evening Transcript":

Who was *Desire Kent*, widow of *Samuel Kent*, who died Feb. 8, 1762–3? Her gravestone in Barrington, R.I., states that she was the "First Englishwoman's granddaughter on New England," whatever that may mean. She is said to have been the granddaughter of Mary Chilton, but that cannot be. I think that she was the daughter of Thomas Cushman and Ruth Howland of Plymouth.
C. V. C.

C. V. C. thinks that *Desire Kent* was the daughter of Thomas Cushman and Ruth Howland. According to the Cushman genealogy that cannot be, since they had but one child, Robert, born Oct. 4, 1664. By his second wife, Abigail Fuller, he had four sons. I am a descendant in the seventh generation from Thomas, the father of this Thomas Cushman. S. E. C.

SAMUEL[2] KENT had children:

I. HANNAH, b. Oct. 3, 1702 (Swansea Rec.), 1703 (Barrington Rec.); mar. Samuel Gray Dec. 17, 1720 (Bristol or Barrington Rec.), 1721 (Little Compton Rec.); d. Little Compton, July 1, 1796.

II. JOSIAH,[3] b. Sept. 9, 1705, Swansea (one Mary Kent of Barrington mar. Joseph Bourne of Rehoboth Nov. 27, 1729).

JOSHUA,[2] son of Joseph,[1] mar. Dec. 10, 1710, *Mary* (b. Sept., 1686), dau. of Nath'l (a sailor) and Elizabeth *Toogood*. He d. Aug. 11–14, 1725–26 (Tyler's Point). She mar. 2nd, Joseph Hodges (or Berry), and d. May 20, 1762.

JOSHUA[2] and MARY TOOGOOD KENT had children:

I. SARAH, b. . . . ; mar. 1st, Jonathan Drum (Barrington or Bristol Rec.); 2nd, James Smith.

II. SUSANNAH, b. 1715; mar. (Swansea Rec.) Feb. 14, 1736, William, son of Sam'l and Anna Bullock (Inten. entered at Barrington Jany. 8, 1737–8).

III. LYDIA, b. . . . . ; was mar. by Thos. Bowles, Esq., Oct. 30, 1743, to Joseph Whelen, jr. (or Wheaton). There was one Lydia Kent b. 1743; d. Feb. 17, 1828 (Bullock's Cove, Gravestone).

IV. MARY, b. . . . . ; mar. Joseph Munro Dec. 15, 1744; one Mary mar. May 5, 1740, Stephen Fry of Rehoboth.

V. HANNAH, b. . . . . ; mar. Nov. 25, 1738, Benj. Drown (Bristol-Barrington Rec.).

VI. ELIZABETH, b. Mch. 29, 1723; d. Sept. 23, 1724 (buried New Meadow Neck, Barrington).

JOSEPH,[3] son of Joseph,[2] Joseph,[1] mar. *Bethiah Thurston* Dec. 7, 1721 (Rehoboth). They were rec'd in ch. Mch. 24, 1723, and dismissed to Strafford, Vt., May 7, 1745. There was one *Joseph* who mar. at Rehoboth, Jan. 4, 1727–8, Mary Carpenter. This may have been a 2nd mar. of the above Joseph.

These are possibly descendants of Joseph in Strafford:

STRAFFORD. Soldiers' Record Vt. *George F. Kent*, Co. G, 9 Regt. Enlisted Dec. 17, 1863. Must. & dis. Aug. 28, 1865. Transferred to Co. D June 13, 1865.

BRADFORD. Soldiers of 1861–5, p. 1158. Tenth Regiment. *Lucius M. Kent*, Co. G; age 35; private; date of muster Sept., 1862; date of discharge June 22, 1865.

The following refers to JOSEPH:[3]

A Rate made upon Rehoboth men for their Lands & meadows Lying in Barrington February 3d 1737/8 For payment of yr Reverd Mr. Pelegg Heaths Salery wch begun Sept ye 9th 1737

Joseph Kent £0–1–2

The following signed by JOSEPH,[3] his brother JAMES,[3] and others:

To his Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esq' Capt. Generall and Governour in Cheif In and over his Majesties Province of the Massachusetts bay in New England. THE HONERABLE his Majesties Counciel and house of Representatives In Generall Court Assembled at Boston May yc. 28th 1740. The Pettition and Representation of Sundrey of Inhabitants of the Town of *Rehoboth*, Quallified to vote in Town Affairs hereunto Subscribing, Humbly Sheweth

That at the Annual meeting of the Town of Rehoboth affors d, on the 31st of march Last for the choice of Town officers, the Selecttmen (viz) Luke Thurston, Nathaniel Willmarth, John Baker Jehabod Bowen and Mathew Cushing. Desired the Assembly of People then Present, to Bring in their votes for Moderator, Sundry Persons that Brought in their votes Ware Qustioned by severall persons as to their being Quallified by Law to vote in Town affairs and the selecttmen ware then Desired that such persons as Well as all others not known by them to be Legall voters might be Tryed by the Lists of Valuation of Estates Lodged with the Town Clerk for that End But the sd Selecttmen Little Regard-

ing It the Town Clerk and Divers other Princaple Inhabitants then Declared to the Selecttmen that their Proceedings was Contery to Law, The aboves^d. Luke Thurston Declared Consrning the s^d Questioned persons that they Claimed as their Right to vote and he knew no Law to the Contery, for the Law was oute, The Selecttmen *Instead of Regulating the meeting Suffered all persons to Croud up to the Box where the votes ware put in*, In Greate Disorder and Confusion withoute Trying them by the s^d Lists that ware objected against (Except some few persons) And the s^d Sellecttmen alowed some of them to vote when Tryed by s^d. Lists, and found not Quallified, which Iriegular Proceedings of the s^d Selecttmen Caused very Greate Disturbance in the meeting. The Town Clerk and Divers others of the Princaple Inhabitants affors^d Requsted That the votes so Irregularly and unfairly put into the Box might be put oute againe, and the meeting Regulated according to Law, that there might be a Legall and fair Choice. But the s^d Selecttmen utterly Refusing all Attepts of that Nature, Turned over the Box Sorted the Votes, and Declared that the s^d Luke Thurston was chosen Moderator aboute Twenty or Thirty of the Inhabitants affos^d then objectted against the Legallity of the Choice and Desired the s^d. Selecttmen, that since there was but Two men voted for for moderator (Except Two Single Votes) the matter might be Desided by Numbering the Poles or any other way Propper to Try a Choice fairly And Further Told them, that if they would Regulate that Choice they would Joine with them in the Choice of Town officers otherwise they would withdraw from the meeting. But the Selecttmen Refused so to Do And the s^d Luke Thurston Assuming the Place of Moderator who with a party went on in such Irregular manner Suffering persons to Vote not Quallified by Law. Whereupon your Pettitioners with others being the Greatest Number of Legall voters then Present (as we appehend) withdrew from the meeting, which Proceedings of the s^d. Sellecttmen and moderator your Pettitioners cannot but think are altogether unreasonable and conterey to Law and have a Tendancy to Bring Greate Confusion on the Towne, the Cunstables and Divers other Town officers Refusing to Take the oath of their Respective offices alledging the Illegality of the meeting for their Excuse Your Pettitioners therefore Humbly pray that your Excelency and Honours would Take the Premises Into your wise Consideration and Supersede the Proceedings of s^d. meeting and make nul and voide the choice of the Town officers then so unfairly made, and Give order for another meeting that so there might be opportunity for a Regular and fair Choice, or other wise Direct as In your Greate wisdom shall be tho^t fit and Convennant, and your Pettitioners as In Duty bound Shall ever pray

Joseph Kent
James Kent
and 50 other names.

JOSEPH[3] KENT had children, b. in Rehoboth:

I. JOSEPH, b. Dec. 20, 1722; bapt. Meh. 21–31, 1723; d. Nov. 12, 1735.
II. SAMUEL,[4] b. Jan. 17, bapt. Meh. 14, 1724–5.
III. JOSHUA,[4] b. Meh. 9–19, bapt. May 5, 1728.
IV. BETHIAH, b. June 18, bapt. Aug. 2, 1730; d. Aug. 16, 1736.
V. JABEZ,[4] b. Apl. 20, bapt. May 14, 1732.
VI. NATHAN,[4] b. May 3, bapt. 5, 1734.
VII. JOSEPH,[4] b. July 12, 1737.
VIII. BENJAMIN,[4] b. Sept. 16, bapt. Nov. 18, 1739.
IX. BETHIAH, b. Jan. or June 9, 1742.

JOHN,[3] son of Joseph,[2] Joseph,[1] mar. *Rachel Carpenter* of Attleboro' Nov. 20, 1725; he d. Nov. 1, 1780. They had children as follows (in a copy of Rehoboth Records they are also put down as the children of *Elijah* and *Rachael Kent*):

I. ELIJAH,[4] b. Dec. 30, 1727; bapt. Apr. 7, 1728.

II. DOROTHY, b. Mch. 4, bapt. May 10, 1729–30; was mar. at Rehoboth, Apl. 4, 1749, to Jonathan Titus of Attleboro' by Rev. John Greenwood.

III. JOHN,[4] b. Apl. 8, bapt. June 11, 1732 (one John, son of John, d. May 26, 1736).

IV. NATHANIEL,[4] b. Nov. 12, 1734; bapt. Jan. 12, 1736; d. May 10, 1756.

V. JOSEPH,[4] b. Feb. 3, 1736–7.

VI. JOHN,[4] b. May 9, 1739.

VII. MARY, b. Aug. 18, bapt. Oct. 11, 1741; received into the church June 1, 1762; d. Feb. 7, 1766. (One *Mary Kent* mar. . . . Whitaker of Rehoboth Sept. 8, 1761. Also a *Mary Kent* married Edmund Carpenter of Rehoboth Apr. 21, 1762, and one Mary Kent married Sept. 23, 1772, Aaron Wheeler, Jr.; both were of Rehoboth.)

VIII. EZEKIEL,[4] b. June 22, bapt. Aug. 12, 1744.

IX. REMEMBER,[4] b. July 28, bapt. Oct. 12, 1746; d. Dec. 17, 1773.

X. REBECKAH, b. Aug. 18, bapt. Aug. 31, d. Sept. 19, 1750.

The following is signed by JOHN:[3]

To the Town of Rehoboth, Gentlemen Wee The Subscribers being Informed that there is a petition Laid before ye General Cort by Mr William Drier and M^r. Thomas Willmarth that theair may be a precinct taken of upon y^e. Northerly Sid of Rehoboth and that it may be anexed to Attelborough. But. wee your Humbel Petitioners pray that wee may not be Satt of for these Reasons firstly because y^e. precinct which theay pray to be Satt of will be Eight or nine miles in Length and But about four miles wide and many of y^e. people will be put to as much trobel and Dificulty to attend ye town meetings as theay are now which is one Reason as theay say that moved them to petition Secondly Because wee are ye newest and porest part of ye town in Generall and so are not abel to perform y^e. Duties belonging to a new precent, thirdly because severall of ye men belonging to this part of ye town will have thier Lands taken of unto this precint and houses will be left out and fourthly because the precent is So. Long that it will be Little or no advantage upon ye account of ye publick worship & theire fore we your Humbel petitioners pray your Honours would take this unto your wise Consideration and act accordly as wee in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray

John Kent and 13 others

HEZEKIAH,[3] son of Joseph,[2] Joseph,[1] mar. 1st, *Lillis Humphrey;* 2nd, Jan. 4, 1727–8, *Ruth Cooper*, both of Rehoboth.

HEZEKIAH[3] KENT had children:

I. HEZEKIAH, b. Dec., 1728; d. Jan. 6, 1728–9.
II. HEZEKIAH, b. Feb. 20, 1729–30; d. July 16, 1741.
III. SARAH, b. Mch. 16, bapt. Mch. 26, 1732; mar. June 23, 1752, Jonathan Robinson, Jr., both of Rehoboth.
IV. EZRA,[4] b. June 28, bapt. July 14, 1734.
V. RUTH, b. Mch. 3, bapt. Apl. 28, 1737; mar. John Armington Jan. 11, 1757, both of Rehoboth.
VI. HANNAH, b. Apl. 9, bapt. 20, 1740; mar. . . . Bickley.
VII. HEZEKIAH,[4] b. Apl. 27, bapt. May 5, 1745; d. Mch. 21, 1786.

JAMES,[3] son of Joseph,[2] Joseph,[1] mar. Dec. 30, 1736, *Martha Barstow* (who was received into the church 1730?). He had children:

I. & II. } twins { JAMES,[4] NOAH,[4] } bapt. June 3, 1739.
(According to another account *Noah*, b. Feb. 7, 1738; *James*, b. Apl. 19, 1739.)
III. SARAH, b. Oct. 13, 1744; d. May 11, 1746–7.
IV. SARAH, b. Mch. 16, 1746–7.
V. HANNAH, b. Sept. 6, 1750 (bapt. July 5, 1747?); d. Aug. 5, 1752.
VI. GEORGE,[4] b. Oct. 10, 1753.

JOSIAH,[3] son of Samuel,[2] Joseph,[1] mar. Sept. 4, 1730 (Rehoboth), *Althea*, dau. of Samuel and Anna Salisbury *Bullock*. She was b. Apl. 4, 1712. He d. 1747? and she mar. 2nd, Edward Bosworth.

JOSIAH[3] had children:

I. SUSANNAH, b. May 4, 1732 (Barrington); mar. Nathaniel Martin 1752, and d. June 23, 1825, aged 93. (Gravestone, Tyler's Point.)
II. SAMUEL,[4] b. Jan. 19, 1733–4.
III. ARRIES, b. June 26, 1734 (Barrington Rec.), June 26, 1743 (other rec.).
IV. HANNAH, b. Mch. 13, 1737 (Barrington). (One *Mrs. Hannah Kent* was mar. July 23, 1758, by Rev. Solomon Townsend, to Daniel Kinnecutt.)
V. ALTHEA, b. 1739; mar. William, son of Hezekiah and Johanna Brown, and d. Oct. 10, 1802 (buried Barrington).

VI. JOSIAH,[4] b. Apl. 8, 1741, Barrington.
VII. ANNAH, b. Apl. 16, 1745.
VIII. JOSHUA,[4] b. Feb. 28, 1746, Warren, R.I.
(One *Lucy Kent* of Rehoboth mar. Gideon Jencks of Providence Nov. 24, 1766.)

ELIJAH,[4] son of John,[3] Joseph,[2] Joseph,[1] mar. Mch. 3, 1753, *Hannah Perren*, both of Rehoboth. He and his wife were received into the church May 19, 1754. She d. May 17, 1787. He d. Sept. 22, 1815.

They had children:

I. REMEMBER,[5] b. Jan'y 7, bapt. May 19, 1754.
II. LYDIA, b. Mch. 16, bapt. 21, 1756; was mar. by Rev. Ephraim Hyde, May 31, 1780, to Jacob Ide of Attleboro'.
III. HANNAH, b. Sept. 12, 1759; d. young.
IV. HANNAH, b. Aug. 11, bapt. Aug. 20, 1769; was mar. Mch., 1792, to Jonathan Bliss, Jr., of Rehoboth, by Rev. John Ellis.

JOHN,[4] son of Joseph,[3] Joseph,[2] Joseph,[1] mar. Oct. 12, 1749, Rebecca Carpenter, both of Rehoboth, and d. Nov. 20, 1780. He was taken prisoner during the French and Indian war, and his brother *Elijah* made an effort to recover him.

An account of the Number of Dollars Paid to the New Inlisted men as Bounty By Col Thomas Bowen

Rehoboth March 25th. 1757

John Kent Jun — 6 —

In History of Taunton, by Rev. S. H. Emery: Captain W. Arbuthnott's Company in the capitulation of Fort William Henry, 1757, John Bradford, Lieut., of Taunton. From Taunton *John Kent.*

List of persons in captivity taken at Fort Wm Henry. Aug., 1757, Thos. Bowen, applicant for *John Kent.*

MUSTER ROLL OF PART OF THE COMPANY IN HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE under the Command of Capt William Arbuthnot in ye Capitulation of Fort Wm Henry. Aug 9 — 1757 *John Kent.* Private, of Taunton, entered service March 14 in Service until Aug. 9. Time of Service 21 weeks 2 days. Whole Wages £9.11.7 for arms not retd. £2.10.0.

REHOBOTH SEPTEMBER THE 13th 1758 According to His Excellency's Directions in the Public prints to thoues who have Freinds or Relations in Captivity in Cannedy or among the Indians; these are therefore to Enforme that a Brother of mine Named *John Kent of Rehoboth who was a Souldier* in Capt Aburthnot's Company and was taken at fourt William Henrey when that fort was taken and has Not Returned from your Humbl Servt.

Elijah Kent

Among a List of Persons in Captivity appears *John Kent* — place where taken, Fort Wm. Henry. Taken Aug., 1757. List entered by Thomas Bowen, Septr. 28, 1758.

JOSEPH,[4] son of John,[3] Joseph,[2] Joseph,[1] was mar. to *Huldah Barrows* June 24, 1766, by Rev. Robt. Rogerson. She d. Oct. 11, 1792. He d. Jan. 8, 1804. The following is his military record:

Rehoboth Decem^r 1st 1760. The Coppy of The Subscription for Raising money To be added To what the minestry Land Was Sold for To make A Sufficiant Sum for The Intrest Thereof to Pay The Ministers Sallery In ye Second Precinct In Rehoboth yearly The Sum Affixt Against Each Parsons Is as followeth — Vix

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Joseph Kent 6. 0. 0.

Joseph Kent in the Revolutionary Records appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Sylvanus Martin's Co., Col. William's Regt. Time of enlistment Sept. 29, 1777. Time of discharge Oct. 30, 1777. Time of Service, 1 month. Service at Tiverton, R.I. Roll dated Rehoboth, Jany. 13, 1778.

Joseph Kent appears with rank of *Corporal* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Jacob Fuller's Co., Col. John Jacobs' Regt., for Service at Rhode Island. Time of enlistment May 27, 1778. Time of discharge Jan. 1, 1779. Time of Service, 7 months 6 days. He belonged to Rehoboth. Raised for one year from Jan. 1, 1778.

Joseph Kent appears with rank of Private on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Joseph Franklin's Co., Col. John Daggett's Regt., for service at Rhode Island on the alarm of . . . Time of enlistment Jany. 7, 1780. Time of discharge March 31, 1780. Time of Service 2 months 23 days. *He belonged to Rehoboth.*

Joseph Kent appears with rank of Private on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Simeon Cole's Co., Col. Thomas Carpenter's Regt., for Service at Rhode Island on the alarm of . . . Time of enlistment Aug. 1, 1780. Time of discharge Aug. 5, 1780. Time of service 5 days. Marched to Tiverton, R.I., by order of Council of July 22, 1780.

Rhode Island Service, Vol. 1. Page 38. *Joseph Kent* appears with rank of Private on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Jabez Bullock's Co., Col. Thomas Carpenter's Regt., for service at Rhode Island on the alarm of Aug. 1, 1780. Time of enlistment Aug. 1, 1780. Time of discharge Aug. 9, 1780. Time of Service 9 days. Reported, marched to Tiverton, R.I.

Page 83. Same as the above with this addition: "Service at Tiverton under Gen. Heath."

March 20, 1780. In Council. Ordered that the Petition of *Joseph Kent* with the papers, accompanying, which were taken into Consideration this session of the General Assembly, be, and hereby are furthur refered to the second Wednesday in June next, and that all parties Concerned have then a hearing before the two Houses. In the House of Representatives. Read and Concurred.

Joseph[4] and Huldah Barrows Kent had children:

I. John,[5] b. Dec. 23, 1766.

II. Joseph,[5] b. Apl. 19, 1768.

III. Huldah, b. Apl. 6, 1770; was mar. Dec. 10, 1795, to Solomon Peck, Jr., of Barrington, R.I., by Stephen Bullock, Esq.

IV. Sarah, b. Oct. 29, 1771; was mar. Mch. 19, 1789, to Nathan Medbury of Rehoboth, by Stephen Bullock, Esq.

V. Nathaniel,[5] b. June 2, 1774.

VI. LYDIA, b. Jan. 16, 1777 (one *Lydia Kent* was mar. Sept. 2, 1792, to Amos Waite, Jr., of Warren, R.I., by Elder Wight).

VII. BELLE, b. July 27, 1779.

VIII. JAMES,[5] b. Feb. 16, 1783.

EZEKIEL,[4] son of John,[3] Joseph,[2] Joseph,[1] was a *Deacon* of Rehoboth and mar. 1st, Mch. 19, 1768–9, *Ruth Garnzey* (or Garey) of Taunton. She was b. Oct. 9, 1747–8; d. Dec. 8–18, 1818. He mar. 2d, *Lois* . . . . , who d. Aug. 24, 1854, aged 92. He was rec'd into the ch. Jan. 26, 1807, and d. May 17, 1842, aged 98, at Rehoboth. DEACON EZEKIEL took an active part in the Revolution, also in *Shay's Rebellion*, which followed soon after, the suppression of which in south-eastern Massachusetts has just been celebrated (Oct. 15, 1897) at Taunton, and a boulder and tablet of bronze describing the event erected by the Old Colony Commission for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, of which the compiler of this book is a member.

Ezekiel Kent Appears with rank of *Drummer* on Muster and Pay Roll of Lieut. John Dryer's Co., Col. Thomas Carpenter's Regt., for Service at Rhode Island on the alarm of Dec. 8, 1776. Time of enlistment Dec. 8, 1776. Time of discharge Dec. 24, 1776. Time of service 16 days. Marched from Rehoboth to Bristol, R.I.

Ezekiel Kent Appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Simeon Cole's Co., Col. Thomas Carpenter's Regt. for Service at Rhode Island, on the alarm of.* Time of enlistment Aug. 1, 1780. Time of discharge Aug. 5, 1780. Time of service 5 days* not given. Marched to Tiverton, R.I., by order of Council of July 22, 1780.

(SHAY'S REBELLION) — A muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Noah Allen's Company of Militia in the first Regiment in the County of Bristol, Belonging to Rehoboth, who turned out to support the Seting of the Court in s^d County in Sept., 1786

Elekel Kent } Served 3 days, drafted from Home Sept. 16.
Joseph Kent }

DR. or DEA. EZEKIEL[4] and RUTH GAREY KENT had children:

I. RUTH, b. Mch. 25, 1770, a member of the ch. 1798. She was mar. by David Perry, Jr., Esq., June 15, 1794, to David Mason of Rehoboth.

II. REBECCAH, b. Dec. 23, 1771; d. Apl. 11–30, 1856; mar. by Rev. Robt. Rogerson, Mch. 22, 1792, to Col. Abiah Bliss of Rehoboth, b. May 20, 1768. They had 11 children.

III. WELTHA, b. Oct. 13, 1773; d. Sept. 24, 1866; was mar. by Rev. Rogerson, May 5, 1796, to Charles Bliss of Rehoboth.

IV. REMEMBER,[5] b. June 11, 1775; moved to Calais, Vt.

V. MOLLIE, b. Mch. 30, 1777; d. Apl. 22, 1868; rec'd into ch. 1832. She was mar. to James Webster of Rehoboth Sept. 27, 1796, by Dan'l Carpenter, Esq.

VI. EZEKIEL,[5] b. Apl. 28, 1779; moved to Calais, Vt.

VII. NANCY, b. Aug. 18, 1781; d. Nov. 22, 1866; rec'd into ch. 1798; was mar. Apl. 21, 1800, by Elder Sylvester Round, to Jotham Hix, 2nd, of Rehoboth.

VIII. RACHEL, b. Mch. 14, 1783; d. July 31, 1858; was mar. by Elder Round to Daniel Martin of Rehoboth Sept. 10, 1801.

IX. CLARISSA, b. Jan. 27, 1786; d. May 19, 1865; was mar. by Rev. John Hill to Ebenezer Carpenter, 2nd, of Rehoboth Aug. 17, 1806.

REMEMBER,[4] son of John,[3] Joseph,[2] Joseph,[1] it is reasonable to suppose was the same

Remember Kent who in the Revolutionary records appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Nathaniel Carpenter's Co., Col. Thomas Carpenter's Regt., for Service at Rhode Island on the alarm of Dec. 8, 1776. Time of enlistment Dec. 8, 1776. Time of discharge Dec. 24, 1776. Time of service 16 days. Marched from Rehoboth to Bristol, R.I.

Remember Kent appears with rank of *Sergeant* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Jabez Bullock's Co., Col. Thomas Carpenter's Regt. for service at Rhode Island on the alarm of . . . Time of enlistment July 27, 1780. Time of discharge July 31, 1780. Time of service 5 days. Marched to Tiverton, R.I., by order of Council June 22, 1780.

EZRA,[4] son of Hezekiah,[3] *served in the French and Indian war* at *Crown Point* and in the *Revolutionary war* as *First Lieutenant*. He was mar. by Rev. John Greenwood Dec. 27, 1757, to *Ruth Cushing* of Rehoboth.

From a List of 64 men enlisted 23 Sept., 1755, out of the Regiment of Militia under the Command of Thos. Bower, Col^n., for the Protection & Reinforcement of Regiment at Crown Point, under the Command of Genl. Johnson, — *Ezra Kent* born at Rehoboth.

Muster Roll of Company under the Command of Capt. Timothy Walker, Boston, 26 Feby., 1756. *Ezra Kent* sent^l. entered service Sept. 15, served until Dec. 17, 1775. Wages, £5.0.-2.

Ezra Kent, in Mass. Muster and Pay Rolls, appears among a List of Officers of the Mass. Militia, chosen by the 10th Company of *Bristol Co.* Regt., as *2d Lieutenant* in Capt. J. Franklin's Co. of Col. Thos. Carpenter's Regt., commissioned by order of Council Oct. 10, 1776.

Ezra Kent appears among a List of Officers of the Mass. Militia as 2d Lieutenant in the 10th Co. of the 1st *Bristol Co. Regt.*, commissioned Oct. 30, 1776.

Ezra Kent appears with rank of 2nd Lieut. on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Joseph Franklin's Co., Col. Thomas Carpenter's Regt., for service at Rhode Island on the alarm of Dec. 8, 1776. Time of enlistment Dec. 8, 1776. Time of discharge Dec. 25, 1776. Reported; marched to Bristol, R.I. Time of service 16 days. He belonged to Rehoboth.

Ezra Kent appears on A Petition dated Rehoboth, June 26, 1778, asking for a new choice of officers, rank, *Lieut. in 1st Regt.* of Militia in Bristol Co. Autograph. Signature.

Ezra Kent appears among a List of Officers of the Mass. Militia as *1st Lieutenant* in the 10th Co. of the 1st Bristol Co. Regt., commanded by Col. Thomas Carpenter, commissioned April 13, 1779.

Ezra Kent appears with *rank of 1st Lieut.* on Muster & Pay Roll of Capt. Jabez Bullock's Co., Col. Thomas Carpenter's Regt., for service at Rhode Island on the alarm of Aug. 1, 1780. Time of enlistment Aug. 1, 1780. Time of discharge Aug. 9, 1780. Time of service 9 days. Service under Heath at Tiverton.

LIEUT. EZRA[4] and RUTH CUSHING KENT had children:

I. JOSEPH,[5] b. Mch. 25, 1758–9.
II. WILLIAM,[5] b. May 11, 1760.
III. DEBORAH (or Debbe), b. Apl. 11, 1762; was mar. by Rev. Eph. Hyde to Joseph Armington, Jr., of Rehoboth Aug. 23, 1781.
IV. RACHEL,[5] b. July 28, 1765; was mar. by Rev. Chas. Thompson to Jonathan (or Ingraham) Mason of Rehoboth Sept. 28, 1786.
V. EZRA,[5] b. Sept. 26, 1767.
VI. HEZEKIAH,[5] b. May 30, 1770.
VII. RUTH, b. June 23, 1773 (rec'd into the ch. Nov. 3, 1815); mar. Edward Mason.
VIII. ANNA, b. Apl. 28, 1775.
IX. NATHAN, b. June 29, 1778.
X. BARBARA, b. . . .

HEZEKIAH[4] of Rehoboth, son of Hezekiah,[3] mar. Nov. 17, 1766, *Elizabeth Humphrey* of Warren. He served in the Revolution, as the following shows:

Hezekiah Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Joseph Franklin's Co., Col. Thomas Carpenter's Regt., for service at Rhode Island on the alarm of Dec. 8, 1776. Time of enlistment Dec. 8, 1776. Time of discharge Dec. 18, 1776. Time of service 9 days. He belonged to Rehoboth.* Reported; marched to Bristol, R.I.

Hezekiah Kent, Jr., appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Jebez Bullock's Co., Col. Thos. Carpenter's Regt., for service at Rhode Island on the alarm of Aug. 1, 1780. Time of enlistment Aug. 1, 1780. Time of discharge Aug. 9, 1780. Time of service 9 days. Service at Tiverton under Gen. Heath.

HEZEKIAH[4] and ELIZABETH H. KENT had children:

I. SARAH, b. Aug. 29, 1767.
II. MOLLEY, b. Dec. 12, 1768; mar. . . . Webber; and d. Apl. 22, 1868 (?), 91 yrs. 1 mo.
III. AMY, b. Feb. 28, 1771, — a daughter.
IV. AMY,[5] b. Feb. 12, 1778, — a son.

Mary Eliza, dau. of one Hezekiah of Barrington, was bapt. in May, 1779.

V. HUMPHREY,[5] b. Feby. 19, 1780.
VI. JOHN,[5] b. Dec. 10, 1781.
VII. CYNTHIA, b. Apl. 1, 1784, of Rehoboth, was mar. to Benjamin Day of Attleboro' June 30, 1805, by Rev. Jas. Hill.

JAMES,[4] son of James,[3] was mar. to *Lydia Brown* of Rehoboth Oct. 17, 1765, by Thomas Bowen, Esq., and had chil.:
I. JAMES,[5] b. Oct. 6, 1779.
II. LYDIA, b. Aug. 14, 1785.

James Kent in the Revolutionary Records appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Joseph Franklin's Co., Col. Thomas Carpenter's Regt., for service at Rhode Island on the alarm of Dec. 8, 1776. Time of enlistment Dec. 8, 1776. Time of discharge Dec. 21, 1776. Time of service, 12 days. He *belonged* to *Rehoboth*. Reported; marched to Bristol, R.I.

NOAH,[4] son of James,[3] mar. *Martha* . . . , and had one child:
I. ANSTRESS, b. Apl. 10, 1769, Rehoboth; mar. Nathan Leonard of Rehoboth Aug. 27, 1784. There was a *Noah Kent* who was mar. to Elizabeth Wheaton, both of Rehoboth, Mch. 18, 1792, by Elder Jonathan Chaffee.

Noah Kent in the Revolutionary Records appears with rank of Private on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Joseph Franklin's Co., Col. Thomas Carpenter's Regt., for service at Rhode Island on the alarm of Dec. 8, 1776. Time of enlistment Dec. 8, 1776. Time of discharge Dec. 25, 1776. Term of service 16 days. He *belonged* to *Rehoboth*. Reported; marched to Rhode Island.

SAMUEL,[4] son of Josiah,[3] Samuel,[2] mar. *Ruth* . . . , and had children, b. Warwick, R.I.:
I. JOHN,[5] b. Sept. 11, 1759.
II. JERUSHA, b. Nov. 14, 1760; d. at Warren, R.I., 1867(?), aged 97 yrs.
III. JOSEPH,[5] b. July 3, 1762.
IV. SAMUEL,[5] b. May 26, 1765.
V. RACHEL, b. Feb. 26, 1767; mar. Shearjashah Bourne of Barrington Nov. 20, 1793.

JOSIAH,[4] son of Josiah,[3] Sam'l,[2] was mar. by Rev. Eph. Hyde Apl. 16, 1767, to *Elizabeth Bullock* of Rehoboth. She d. Aug. 2, 1781–7, aged 37. He was a *Revolutionary soldier*, and d. in 1799.

Josiah Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Joseph Franklin's Co., Col. Thomas Carpenter's Regt., for service at Rhode Island on the alarm of Dec. 8, 1776. Time of enlistment Dec. 8, 1776. Time of discharge Dec. 25, 1776. Time of service 16 days. He *belonged* to *Rehoboth*. Reported; marched to Bristol, R.I.

Josiah Kent appears with rank of Private on Lexington Alarm Roll of Capts. Lyon and Perrin's Co., . . . Regt., which marched on the *alarm of April 19, 1775*, from Rehoboth to . . . He belonged to *Rehoboth*. Length of service 7 days. The two Rehoboth Alarm Companies under Capts. John Lyon and Jesse Perrin returned upon one roll.

Josiah Kent appears with grade of Private on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Jabez Bullock's Co., Col. Thomas Carpenter's Regt., for service at Rhode Island on the alarm of Aug. 1, 1780. Time of enlistment Aug. 5, 1780. Time of discharge Aug. 9, 1780. Time of service 5 days. Reported; marched to Tiverton, R.I. Page 83. Same as the above with this addition: "Service at Tiverton under Gen. Heath."

JOSIAH[4] *of Warren, R.I.*, and ELIZABETH BULLOCK KENT had children:

I. PATIENCE, b. Jan. 26, 1768; was mar. to Thomas Viall of Rehoboth June 4, 1789, by Dan'l Carpenter, Esq.
II. JABEZ EDWARD BOZWORTH,[5] b. Dec. 17, 1769.
III. JOSIAH,[5] b. . . .
IV. PERES,[5] b. . . .
V. SIMON,[5] b. . . .
VI. CHARLES,[5] b. Mch. 11, 1780.

JOSHUA,[4] son of Josiah,[3] Sam'l,[2] mar. *Anna Low* of Barrington Jan. 15 (June 18), 1771, and d. Aug. 24, 1806.

They had children, b. in Barrington, R.I.:

I. LYDIA, b. May 16, 1772, prob. the same who was mar. to David Carpenter of Attleboro', Vt., Feb. 13, 1800, by Dan'l Carpenter, Esq., of Rehoboth.
II. SUSANNA, b. Dec. 22–26, 1774; mar. Syllivan Allen of Barrington May 13, 1798.
III. ALTHEA (Laletheah), b. Feb. 27, 1777; mar. Daniel Horn of Barrington Feb. 14–15, 1801.
IV. WILLSON,[5] b. Apl. 8, 1779.
V. DESIRE, b. Feb. 8, 1781; mar. Matthew Allen Feb. 15, 1801.
VI. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 5, 1783; mar. Oct. 16, 1807, Thomas Whaley of Barrington.
VII. JOSHUA,[5] b. Mch. 2, 1785.
VIII. ANNA, b. Mch. 25, 1787.
IX. WILLIAM,[5] b. Aug. 10, 1789.
X. FANNY, b. Apl. 12, 1792.
XI. ELLERY,[5] b. July 7, 1795.
XII. AMARIAH,[5] b. Oct. 14, 1798.

REMEMBER[5] of Rehoboth, son of Elijah,[4] mar. Nov. 1, 1780, *Lucy Ide* of Attleboro', b. Dec. 14, 1759. He d. Apl.

7, 1822. He mar. 2d, *Martha Ide* of Seekonk, Apl. 13, 1821, who d. Feb. 23, 1831. He served in the Revolutionary war.

Remember Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Lexington Alarm Roll of Captains Nathaniel Carpenter's, Isaac Burr's Co., Col. . . . Regt., which marched on the *alarm of April 19, 1775*, from Rehoboth to . . . Length of service 8 days. He *belonged* to *Rehoboth*.

Remember Kent appears with rank of *Sergeant* on Muster and Pay Roll of Lieut. Samuel Brown's Co., Col. Thomas Carpenter's Regt., for service at Rhode Island on the alarm of Aug. 1, 1780. Time of enlistment Aug. 1, 1780. Time of discharge Aug. 8, 1780. Time of service 9 days. Reported; marched from Rehoboth to Tiverton, R.I., and there did duty under Gen. Heath.

REMEMBER[5] and LUCY IDE KENT had children:

I. ELIJAH,[6] b. Jan. 3, 1782.
II. SEBA,[6] b. Nov. 12, 1784.
III. CYNTHIA, b. June 10, 1786; was mar. July 10, 1806, to *James Kent*, both of Rehoboth, by Rev. Jas. Hill, and d. in 1835.
IV. REMEMBER,[6] b. June 10, 1788.
V. LUCY, b. Jan. 19, 1790, and d. May 12, 1817. (One *Lucy Kent* of Seekonk was mar. Sept. 23, 1828, to Edwin Tingley of Attleboro', by Rev. Jas. O. Barney.)
VI. PRESTON,[6] b. Oct. 16, 1792.
VII. LEWIS,[6] b. May 26, 1795.
VIII. WELLINGTON,[6] b. Nov. 14, 1796.
IX. LARNED,[6] b. Dec. 6, 1800.

JOHN,[5] son of Joseph,[4] John,[3] Joseph,[2] mar. Apl. 10, 1796, *Betsey Luther*, both of Rehoboth. They were mar. by Stephen Bullock, Esq. *They had children:*

I. JOANNA, b. Jan. 6, 1797.
II. MAHALA, b. Sept. 17, 1799; member of church at Barrington; d. prior 1820.
III. LUTHER,[6] b. Mch. 25, 1802.

JOSEPH,[5] son of Joseph,[4] John,[3] was mar. Feb. 21, 1788, to *Elizabeth French*, by Shubael Peck, Esq. The following, b. in Seekonk, are probably his *children:*

I. LUCY, b. Apl. 17, 1800 (possibly mar. Edwin Tingley, 1828, and not the prior Lucy).
II. ABBY (?), b. May 16, 1802; one *Abbey*[6] was mar. by Rev. Jas. O. Barney to Ruth R. Barney Mch. 9, 1834.
III. JOHN ADAMS,[6] b. Feb. 13, 1803 (?).

IV. Elizabeth, b. Mch. 31, 1808; one *Elizabeth B.* was mar. by Rev. John Allen to Perry Barney Apl. 5, 1838.

V. Hezekiah,[6] b. Mch. 23, 1811.

NATHANIEL,[5] son of Joseph,[4] John,[3] was mar. May 29, 1803, to *Elizabeth Read*, both Rehoboth, by Rev. John Hill. *They had children:*

I. George W.,[6] b. 1805.

II. Joseph Burrell, b. Jan. 2, 1806; d. Jan. 19, 1807.

III. Eliza Amelia, b. Jan. or June 7, 1808; mar. Sept. 8, 1826, Milton Freeman of Attleboro'.

IV. Emma, b. Oct. 24, 1809; one Emma A. mar. Wm. H. Jenckes Feb. 14, 1849.

V. Nathaniel,[6] b. Feb. 29, 1812; d. Mch. 11, 1884, aged 72 yrs. 11 ds.

VI. Ardelia, b. Nov. 8, 1815; was mar. at 45 yrs. of age by Rev. C. Blodgett, May 15, 1861, to *John Shorey*, son of Abel and Mary of Seekonk, aged 68, being his 3d wife.

VII. Nancy, b. July 11, 1818; one *Nancy* was rec'd in the ch. Dec. 11, 1836, and d. 1854.

VIII. Betsey, b. June 18, 1820; one *Betsey Ann* of Seekonk was mar. by Rev. J. C. Welch, Nov. 12–30, 1843, to James M. Goff of Rehoboth. His 2nd marriage.

IX. Adline, b. Nov. 14, 1822, of Attleboro'; was mar. by Rev. Jas. O. Barney, July 3, 1849, to John Salter (or Slater) Smith of Pawtucket.

JAMES,[5] son of Joseph,[4] John,[3] was mar. by Rev. John Hill, July 10, 1806, to *Cynthia Kent*, both of Rehoboth. They had children:

I. Clarissa, b. Dec. 28, 1806.

II. Lydia, b. May 5, 1809; one *Lydia* was mar. May 25, 1851, by Rev. H. G. Stewart, to Joseph, son of Israel and Rachel M. Grant, aged 22, of N.Y., but born in Swansea.

III. Oliver Sprague,[6] b. May 14, 1812.

REMEMBER,[5] son of Ezekiel,[4] of Rehoboth moved to Calais, Vt., in 1798. Kent's Corner, where he settled, was named after him. He was successively *Ensign*, *Lieutenant*, and

Captain of the militia, and filled many town offices. In Pautucket one *Remember* is recorded as being selectman in 1828. He was chosen on a committee that superintended the construction of the Calais church. He mar., 1798–9, *Rachel*, dau. of Capt. Abdiel *Bliss*, who d. Nov. 2, 1843. He d. May 13, 1853–5, aged 80.

CAPT. REMEMBER[5] and RACHEL BLISS KENT had children:

I. REMEMBER,[6] b. June 19, 1799.
II. RACHEL BLISS, b. Sept. 30, 1800; mar. Aaron Tucker.
III. IRA,[6] b. Apl. 21, 1803; living Calais, 1881.
IV. ABDIEL,[6] b. Nov. 10, 1805; living Calais, 1881.
V. GEORGE,[6] b. Sept. 13, 1808; living Calais, 1881.
VI. EZEKIEL,[6] b. May 9, 1811; one Ezekiel d. aged 73.
VII. JOHN V. R.,[6] b. Nov. 21, 1813.
VIII. SAMUEL NEWELL,[6] b. Nov. 19, 1817; d. June, 1835.

EZEKIEL,[5] son of Ezekiel,[4] mar. *Deliverence Green*, who was b. Apl. 7, 1784; d. July 25, 1845. He d. Apl. 30, 1851. *They had children:*

I. JOHN, b. Mch. 3, 1804; d. 1814.
II. HERMON G.,[6] b. Dec. 28, 1806.
III. EZEKIEL SANFORD, b. Jan. 28, 1808; a business man, also a musician; d. unmarried.
IV. GEORGE NELSON,[6] b. Apl. 20, 1810.
V. CAROLINE B., b. Feb. 14, 1815, living in 1897;
mar. E. L. Parmenter, who was b. Apl. 22, 1816; d. Mch. 6, 1885; and they have one child, *Fred E.*, who was b. Nov. 23, 1848; mar., 1875, Rose L. Hall, who was b. July 4, 1848; d. Oct. 16, 1896, leaving two chil.: **1.** Ethel Carrie. **2.** Maude E.
VI. MARTHA W., b. Aug. 11, 1817, living 1897:
mar. 1st, Sept. 28, 1840, Admiral D. Tabor, who was b. Aug. 19, 1815. She mar. 2nd, Selim Bonney Jan. 25, 1880, who was b. Mch. 4, 1804; no issue by either marriage.
VII. JAMES M.,[6] b. Dec. 7, 1821; a business man, also *artist* and teacher; living in Barre, Vt., 1897.
VIII. NANCY ANN, b. Apl. 19, 1825; living in 1897;
mar. Mch. 31, 1845, in Bangor, Me., to John R. Tracy, b. Dec. 18, 1824; d. Apl. 9, 1880. They had chil.: **1.** George E., b. May 24, 1846. **2.** John F., b. July 18, 1847. **3.** Charles E., b. May 22, 1852.
IX. EDWIN C.,[6] b. Oct. 18, 1827.

JOSEPH,[5] son of Lieut. Ezra,[4] was mar. Feb. 6, 1794, to *Hannah Barrows*, both of Rehoboth, by Shubael Peck, Esq. She d. Dec. 2, 1856. He d. Sept. 13, 1830, aged 72. (Gravestones, Kurford.) *They had children:*

I. ELIZABETH, b. Mch. 20, 1808; d. May 13, 1816.
II. HANNAH B., b. Aug. 17, 1814; d. Sept. 27, 1815.

WILLIAM[5] of *Cumberland, R.I.*, son of Lieut. Ezra[4] of Rehoboth, Mass., was mar. by John Dexter, Justice, to *Hannah*, dau. of Abial *Brown* of Cumberland Dec. 14, 1788, after he had been discharged from the U.S. Army, having served his country during the Revolution.

William Kent in the Revolutionary Records appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. James Hill's Co., Col. Williams Regt. Time of enlistment Sept. 29, 1777. Time of discharge Oct. 9, 1777. Time of Service . . . Service at Tiverton, R.I. Enlisted out Oct. 9, 1777. Sworn to at Rehoboth.

William Kent appears among A List of Men in Capt. Hill's Co. Serving on expedition against Rhode Island for one month. Dismissed Oct. 30, 1777.

William Kent appears among A List of Men who were drafted to serve on a *Secret expedition* from Sept. 23, 1777, to Oct. 30, 1777.

William Kent appears among a List of Men drafted for six months' service in the State of Rhode Island. Dated June 22, 1778.

William Kent appears with rank of Private on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Joseph Cole's Co., Col. John Jacob's Regt., for service at Rhode Island on the alarm of . . . Time of enlistment June 20, 1778. Time of discharge Jan. 1, 1779. Time of Service 6 months 12 days. He *belonged* to *Rehoboth*.

William Kent appears with rank of Private on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Nathaniel Ide's Co., Col. Thomas Carpenter's Regt, for service at Rhode Island on the alarm of July 31, 1780. Time of enlistment Aug. 1, 1780. Time of discharge Aug. 7, 1780. Time of service 9 days. Marched from Rehoboth to Tiverton, R.I. Served under Gen. Heath.

William Kent appears with rank of Private on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Ichabod Wade's Light Infantry Co., Col. George Williams' Regt. Time of service 21 days. "Dates not given." Service at Tiverton, R.I., Oct. 7, 1777.

William Kent appears among A List of Men who were drafted to march to Tiverton, R.I., for six days. Dated July 28, 1780.

William Kent appears with rank of Private on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Jabez Bullock's Co., Col. Thos. Carpenter's Regt., for service at Rhode Island on the alarm of . . . Time of enlistment July 27, 1780. Time of discharge July 31, 1780. Time of service 5 days. Marched to Tiverton by order of Council of July 22, 1780.

WILLIAM[5] and HANNAH BROWN KENT had children, b. in Cumberland, R.I.:

I. HENRY BROWN,[6] b. Aug. 26, 1789.
II. ABIGAIL, b. Dec. 3, 1790.
III. WILLIAM CUSHING,[6] b. Oct. 6, 1792.
IV. PELEG HALL,[6] b. Oct. 1, 1794.
V. HORACE MESSENGER,[6] b. May 28, 1798.
VI. CYNTHIA, b. Oct. 19, 1802.
VII. AMANDA, b. Feb. 24, 1805. (One Amanda M. mar. David Tarbox at West Greenwich, R.I., Oct. 18, 1849.)

One *William Kent* was a Selectman in Warren, Vt., in 1820 and Town Treasurer 1824–30.

EZRA[5] of Seekonk, son of Lieut. Ezra,[4] was mar. by Stephen Bullock, Esq., Oct. 1, 1789, to *Marcy Viall;* both were of Rehoboth and later moved to St. Johnsbury, Vt. *They had children*, b. in Seekonk, Mass.:

I. Rebecca, b. July 13, 1790. (One *Rebecca* was rec'd in the ch. at Warren Mch. 2, 1828, removed June 5, 1853.)
II. Ann Frances, b. July 1, 1792. (One *Frances L. Kent* mar. Stephen Knowlton and resided 1862 at Castleton, Vt.)
III. Allen,[6] b. May 19, 1795.
IV. Joseph Dimock,[6] b. May 9, 1798.
V. Thomas Viall,[6] b. Apl. 19, 1801.
VI. & VII. twins { Amy Ann, Julia Ann, } b. Mch. 1, 1804.
VIII. Betsey, b. Mch. 8, 1807. (One *Betsey* was rec'd into the ch. 1843; d. 1847.)

HEZEKIAH,[5] son of Lieut. Ezra,[4] mar. *Levina* . . . in 1793, and had children, b. in Cumberland, R.I.:

I. Amey Ann, b. July 10, 1794.
II. David Dexter,[6] b. Jan. 23, 1797.
III. Ezra,[6] b. Apl. 5, 1799.
IV. Mary Tyler, b. Oct. 26, 1801.
V. Orissa Levina, b. Aug. 3, 1806. (One *Orinda* was rec'd into the ch. 1816; d. Sept., 1845.)

NATHAN[5] of Rehoboth, son of Lieut. Ezra,[4] mar. *Abigail* or Nabby *Rounds* of Warren Sept. 7–9, 1800, and *had children*, b. Seekonk:

I. Matilda, b. July 25, 1801; mar. Olney Heath Nov. 3, 1835, at Providence, R.I.
II. Nathan,[6] b. Nov. 20, 1802.
III. Amanda, b. Sept. 5, 1804.
IV. Ann, b. Mch. 28, 1806.
V. Calvin,[6] b. June 9, 1810.

HUMPHREY,[5] son of Hezekiah,[4] was mar. by Rev. Otis Thompson, Nov. 25, 1811, to *Mary Viall*, both of Rehoboth, and had children:

I. Mary, b. Sept. 9, 1812.
II. & III. twins { Samuel Viall,[6] b. June 8, 1815. Mercy Ann, b. June 8, 1815; d. prior to 1825.

IV. HEZEKIAH,[6] b. May 24, 1818.

JOHN,[5] son of Hezekiah,[4] was mar. by Rev. John Hill to *Bethia French* Apl. 17, 1808, both of Rehoboth. She d. May 3, 1844. He d. Seekonk Jan. 22, 1864, aged 82 yrs. 1 mo. 12 ds. *They had children*, b. Seekonk:

I. AMEY FRENCH, b. May 19, 1810; was mar. by Rev. J. O. Barney, Apl. 13, 1842, to Dexter Carpenter of Rehoboth.

II. MARY ANN, b. Sept. 11, 1817. (One *Mary Ann* of Simeon (?), b. at and of Seekonk, was mar. to Samuel H. Viall of Rehoboth Nov. 29, 1849, by Rev. J. C. Welch, it being the 2nd mar.)

III. JOHN WILLARD,[6] b. Sept. 23, 1820.

John Kent, 2nd, of Seekonk and *Mary Drown* of Pawtucket were mar. by Rev. J. O. Barney June 4, 1845, this being the 2nd mar. of both parties.

JAMES,[5] son of James,[4] James,[3] was mar. to *Olive Read*, both of Rehoboth, Nov. 27, 1808, by Rev. John Hill.

JOHN,[5] son of Samuel,[4] Josiah,[3] mar. *Huldah* . . . . , who mar., for her 2nd husband, Solomon Beck Dec. 11, 1795.

JOHN and HULDAH KENT had children:

I. SAMUEL,[6] b. Feb. 27, 1787, Barrington, R.I.

II. IRA,[6] b. Aug. 15, 1792, Barrington, R.I.

JOSEPH,[5] son of Samuel,[4] Josiah,[3] mar. . . . He had children (one *Joseph* was adm. to the ch. 1820, and d. June 15, 1841, Barrington):

I. IRA,[6] b. . . .

JABEZ EDWARD BOZWORTH,[5] son of Josiah,[4] was mar. by Calvin Martin, Esq., to *Abigail Pain* Dec. 16, 1798, both of Rehoboth.

JOSIAH,[5] son of Josiah,[4] was mar. by Stephen Bullock, Esq., to *Patty Brown* July 5, 1795, both of Rehoboth; another *Josiah* mar. on Dec. 30, 1784, Elizabeth Perry, Dan'l Carpenter, Esq., officiating. Josiah, son of Josiah and Elizabeth, d. Oct. 25, 1850, Seekonk, 81 yrs. 5 mos. 27 ds.

SIMON,[5] or **SIMEON,** son of Josiah,[4] was mar. by Rev. John Hill, Apl. 22, 1810, to *Betsey*, dau. of Nehemiah and

Mary *Willmarth*, both of Rehoboth. She d. May 15, 1856, aged 75 yrs. 2 mos. 15 ds. *They had children:*

I. EVELINE, b. . . . . ; mar. 2d, Oct. 22, 1848, Nath'l Cole, Jr., of Danville, Vt., by Rev. J. C. Welch.
II. OLNEY,[6] b. May 11, 1812.
III. KEZIAH, b. Aug. 11, 1813.
IV. HARVEY S.,[6] b. . . . 1817.

WILLSON,[5] son of Joshua,[4] Josiah,[3] Samuel,[2] was mar. to *Susannah*, dau. of James W. *Brayton*, Feb. 26–28, 1801, by Elder Luther Baker, Warwick, R.I. They had children, b. in Barrington:

I. ANN-GENENETTE, b. July 8, 1806; d. Jan. 16, 1807.
II. WILLIAM,[6] b. Nov. 13, 1807.
III. LYDIA, b. Aug. 3, 1809.
IV. REBECCA BARTON, b. Sept. 3, 1810.

POLLY KENT of Rehoboth and Samuel Salsbury of Barrington, R.I., were mar. by Stephen Bullock, Esq., Oct. 20, 1791.

MEREBAH KENT of Taunton and Josiah Jones of Rehoboth were mar. by Shubael Peck, Esq., June 20, 1793.

POLLY KENT and Stephen Peck of Rehoboth were mar. by Stephen Bullock, Esq., Apl. 6, 1794.

ELIJAH KENT and Jemmia Bucklin, both of Rehoboth, were mar. Feb., 1792, by Rev. John Ellis.

Nathan, son of Dr. Frederick Radleff (who was a surgeon in a Hessian regiment, was captured by United States troops, and afterwards enlisted in the United States Army), married *Bethiah Kent*, by whom he had seven children.

Rehoboth Military Record, 1861–65 — nine months' men, Co. H, 3d Massachusetts: *Alba B. Kent*, enlisted Sept. 18, 1862; discharged June 26, 1863.

ELIJAH,[6] son of Remember,[5] Elijah,[4] John,[3] Joseph,[2] was mar. Dec. 1, 1803, by Rev. John Hill, to *Sarah*, dau. of David *Perren*, b. Aug. 3, 1781. He d. Aug. 3, 1810. They had children:

I. SAMUEL,[7] b. Aug. 17, 1804.
II. LYDIA, b. . . . 1810; d. Aug. 24, 1896, aged 86 yrs. 6 mos.

SEBA,[6] son of Remember,[5] Elijah,[4] John,[3] of Rehoboth mar. *Nabby Ide*, b. Aug. 16, 1788; d. Sept. 9, 1880, in Rehoboth. He d. May 20, 1860, aged 75. *They had children:*

I. EUNICE, b. May 27, 1812; d. Dec. 27, 1889; was mar. Oct. 10, 1843, by Rev. C. Blodgett, to Perley J. Perrin

or Perry of Seekonk. (Another *Eunice Kent* d. at Roxbury, Vt., in 1878, aged 80.)

II. HENRY,[7] b. July 31, 1814; d. Dec. 9, 1850.

III. LEWIS,[7] b. Dec. 7, 1816, at Pawtucket, now in Rhode Island, but then in Massachusetts.

IV. HORACE,[7] b. Aug. 10, 1820, in Pawtucket.

V. EMILY, b. Aug. 7, 1826; d. Mch. 31, 1832.

VI. MARY, b. July 10, 1831; d. Nov. 28, 1835.

REMEMBER,[6] son of Remember,[5] Elijah,[4] John,[3] was mar. Dec. 22, 1811, to *Hannah Perren*, by Rev. John Hill, all of Rehoboth. He was *Representative* to *Gen. Court* 1832 to 1835, and d. Sept. 14, 1847, aged 59. *They had children:*

I. MARY ANN, b. Oct. 18, 1812. *Mary A.* of Seekonk and Samuel H. Viall of Rehoboth were mar. Aug. 24, 1845.

II. ELIJAH,[7] b. July 11, 1819.

III. REBECCAH, b. July 19, 1821.

IV. HANNAH, b. July 22, 1823.

PRESTON[6] of Seekonk, son of Remember,[5] Elijah,[4] John,[3] was mar. Feb. 11, 1817, by Rev. Otis Thompson, to *Betsey Robinson* of Rehoboth. He d. Aug. 25, 1828.

LEWIS[6] of Attleboro', son of Remember,[5] Elijah,[4] was mar. by Rev. Otis Thompson to *Rachel Chandler Thompson* of Rehoboth Nov. 11, 1829.

WELLINGTON[6] of Seekonk, son of Remember,[5] Elijah,[4] was mar. by Rev. Otis Thompson, May 7, 1823, to *Lydia Robinson* of Rehoboth, and d. Sept. 9, 1823. One Wellington Kent was chosen selectman of Rehoboth many years. There is also a Kent's factory here, erected in 1809, that manufactures 100,000 yards of cloth annually.

I. EMILY R., b. 1836, at Pawtucket, dau. of Wellington and Emily; mar. Dec. 16, 1858, George W. R., son of Carey and Martha R. Matteson, aged 24, of Providence, but b. at Dighton, Mass.

LARNARD,[6] or **SAMUEL,**[6] son of Remember,[5] Elijah,[4] d. at Pawtucket Dec. 15, 1856, aged 56 yrs. 9 ds. He mar. Sarah Ann . . . , and resided in Pawtucket. *They had two sons:*

I. CHARLES EDWIN,[7] b. 1828 at Attleboro'; moved to California.

II. NELSON,[7] b. Dec. 28, 1848; d. Aug. 4, 1849. A *Mrs. Samuel Kent* d. 1869.

LUTHER,[6] son of John,[5] Joseph,[4] was mar. to *Mary Salisbury*, both of Seekonk, Nov. 16, 1828, by Rev. Jas. O. Barney.

HEZEKIAH,[6] son of Joseph,[5] Joseph,[4] was mar. by Rev. J. O. Barney, Oct. 2, 1837, to *Celia Bliss*, both of Seekonk. *They had children:*

I. JASON,[7] b. Nov. 24, 1843; d. Oct. 3, 1844.
II. ALBERT,[7] b. Jan. 28, 1850.
III. ORIN,[7] b. Jan. 12, 1852.

GEORGE W.[6] of Rehoboth, son of Nath'l,[5] Joseph,[4] John,[3] mar. *Sally Hill* of Attleboro' Aug. 24, 1828. He d. May 10, 1877, aged 72 yrs. 11 mos. 8 ds. *They had child:*

I. GEORGE HENRY,[7] b. July 17, 1829; mar. Oct. 8, 1849, at 20, Josephine L. Shaw, aged 13, both of Rehoboth.

REMEMBER,[6] son of Remember,[5] Ezekiel,[4] mar. 1st, Jan., 1824, *Delia*, dau. of Edward *Tucker*, and cleared the farm where in 1882 *W. G. Kent* lived. Delia d. Apl., 1860. He was *selectman* or lister of Calais, Vt. He mar. 2nd, *Lucy White*, widow of John GOODELL, and d. Feb. 19, 1881, in Calais, where all *his children* were *born by first wife:*

I. AZRO,[7] b. May, 1825.
II. DIANA, b. Mch., 1830; mar. Enoch H. Vincent, b. 1820, in Middlesex. They reside in Montpelier.
III. JANE K., b. . . . . ; mar. William J. Somerville.
IV. FAYSTON,[7] b. . . . .
V. ELLA D. b. . . . .
VI. PRENTISS J.,[7] b. . . . .
VII. JANE, b. . . . . ; d. . . . .

Others who bore the name of Kent in VERMONT I give below:

Abijah Cole of Westminster, Vt., a soldier in one of the expeditions against Quebec. On his return, 1757, married *Sarah Kent* of Harvard. He died 1768, aged about thirty-six, leaving three daughters and two sons.

In Whitingham, Vt. Among a list of the names of the Methodist Ministers that have preached in WHITINGHAM under the direction of the Methodist Episcopal Annual Conference: *Asa Kent* in 1803.

FRANKLIN COUNTY Military. In a list of officers and soldiers of the 15th and 22d Regiment of Infantry who volunteered their services in the action of the 11th of September, 1814, on Lake Champlain, copied from paper of the late Henry Stevens, Esq.: Private *Benjamin Kent.*

Brookfield, Vt., soldiers of the war of 1861-4: *George H. Kent*, Co. B, 4th Regt. Enlisted March 18, 1862. Discharged Apl. 12, 1865. *Sanford H. Kent*, Co. C, Cav. Enlisted Sept. 23, 1861. Discharged Mar. 28, 1863. *William E. Kent*, Co. C, 15th Regt. Enlisted Sept. 11, 1862. Discharged Aug. 5, 1863.

List of men furnished by the town of MONTPELIER 1861-1865 — Fourth Regt. of Infantry, three years, mustered into service Sept. 20, 1861: *Hermon O. Kent*, age 19, Co. E. Enlistment Sept. 2, 1861. Killed at Fredericksburg Dec. 19, 1862. Seventh Regt. of Infantry, three years, mustered into service Feb. 12, 1862: *Lorenzo E. Kent*, age 20, Co. K. Enlistment Jan. 20, '62. Promoted sergt. Reenlisted. Mustered out May 4, '66.

The first selectman of Warren, Vt., was *Wm. Kent*, 1820.

Susan Kent at 70 yrs. of age was living in Northfield 1881.

Lucy Kent, aged 81, and *Mehitable Kent* were living in Calais in 1881.

IRA[6] of Calais, Vt., son of Remember,[5] Ezekiel,[4] was *constable* in 1838, *postmaster* 1837 to 1866, and in business with his brother *Abdiel*. He cut the first stick of timber used in the Calais church, and in 1897 resides on his father's old farm at the age of 94. He mar. Aug. 31, 1831, *Polly*, dau. of Col. Caleb and Anna Robinson *Curtiss*, b. July 6, 1804, Calais; d. Jan. 24, 1881. *They had children*, all born Calais:

I. IRA RICHARDSON,[7] b. Sept. 3, 1833; a lister at Calais, 1863 to 1865.
II. AMANDA C., b. Jan. 2, 1838; d. Feb. 18, 1842.
III. RACHEL ANN, b. Apl. 26, 1839; d. May 28, 1855.
IV. FLORA EMOGENE, b. Apl. 17, 1841; d. Sept. 6, 1851.
V. LEROY ABDIEL,[7] b. Aug. 25, 1843.

ABDIEL,[6] son of Remember,[5] Ezekiel,[4] at 21 went to Nashua, N.H., thence to Mass., and in 1830 returned to Calais, Vt., to reside; was *moderator* 1853-4; *selectman* 1841-42-4 to 46-66-67; *justice* 1838 to 54-62; *representative* to the Gen'l Court 1841-42. He mar. 1st, June 7, 1845 (or May 14, 1846), *Fanny H.*, dau. of Col. Caleb and Laura Daggett *Curtiss*, b. July 24, 1822, Calais; d. Dec. 24, 1854. He mar. 2d, Apl. 5, 1859, *Lucy A.* (b. May 3, 1830), dau. of *Vial A. Bliss;* and he d. Nov. 2, 1887. CHILDREN, all b. Calais:

I. MURRAY ABDIEL,[7] b. July 15, 1847.
II. ELLA FANNY, b. Jan. 31, 1849;
mar. Dec. 1, 1870, Arthur B. Bacon of Spencer, Mass., where her children were b., and where on Jan. 19, 1887, she died. Chil.: **1.** Fred. Kent, b. Aug. 30, 1872. **2.** Fanny Laura, b. Oct. 5, 1874. **3.** Ella Louise, b. Jan. 1, 1883; d. Apl. 13, 1886.
III. VAN R.,[7] b. Mch. 6, 1851.
IV. LAURA ANN, b. Mch. 2, 1853; a college graduate;
mar. Feb. 28, 1886, Herbert Sidney Foster, b. Calais, a captain in the U.S. regular army. They had chil.: **1.** Forrest Kent,

b. Jan. 25, 1887 (?), at Spencer, Mass. **2.** Sidney Herbert, b. June 27, 1889, at Fort Assinabaine. **3.** Louise Evangeline, b. Sept. 30, 1891.

Abdiel[6] *by his 2d wife had children:*

V. JOSEPHINE MATTIE, b. July 26, 1860; mar. Geo. W. S. Ide Nov. 15, 1881; d. Aug. 28, 1886; had child: Fannie Josephine, b. Aug. 21, 1886, Calais, Vt.

VI. HERBERT ALLEN,[7] b. Aug. 12, 1864.

VII. OLIVER HOWARD,[7] b. June 16, 1872.

GEORGE,[6] son of Remember,[5] Ezekiel,[4] mar. Apl. 24, 1835, *Mehitable Hill*, b. Dec. 2, 1807, at Cabot; he d. May 26, 1885, in Calais. *He had children*, b. in Calais:

I. MARCUS NEWELL,[7] b. June, 1837.

II. GEORGE WALLACE,[7] b. Apl., 1845.

EZEKIEL,[6] son of Remember,[5] Ezekiel,[4] was *selectman* of Calais 1863–4, and lister for many years. He mar. Nov. 13, 1836, *Minerva* (b. Apl. 18, 1813), dau. of Col. Caleb and Anna Robinson *Curtiss* of Calais, Vt. She d. 1871. He was living at Montpelier, Vt., 1881, aged 70. *He had child:*

I. ALICE MAY, b. Mch. 1, 1841;
mar. Nov., 1866, Capt. J. O. Livingston, who enlisted in the late war in May, 1862, and was mustered out in July, 1865, as Capt. of Co. G, 9th Regt., Vermont Vol.

JOHN V. R.,[6] son of Remember,[5] Ezekiel,[4] was *constable* in Calais 1854 and 5–65 and 6; *selectman* 1854–5–8–9–1865; *justice* 1857 to 69–76 and 7; also *representative* to the Gen'l Court 1862–3. He mar. 1st, Nov., 1844, *Laura A.*, dau. of Col. Caleb and Laura Daggett *Curtiss*. She was b. Calais Aug. 28, 1819, and d. Aug. 31, 1851. He mar. 2nd, *Mrs. Catherine A. Morse* Dec. 26, 1856, dau. of Alpheus J. *Bliss*, and d. Feby. 12, 1892. *He had child:*

I. CHARLES,[7] b. Dec., 1857.

HERMON G.,[6] son of Ezekiel,[5] Ezekiel,[4] mar. *Abigail G. Howe*, prob. of Montpelier, Vt. He d. 1873, aged 69. *They had children:*

I. GEORGE NELSON,[7] b. . . . . ; mar. *Sarah Chase;* and d. leaving one son, Herbert O.,[8] of Montpelier.

II. LORENZO E.,[7] b. . . . . ; mar. Hattie H. . . . . , and has children: 1. Willis D.[8] and 2. Frank, who d. Dec. 25, 1890.

III. HERMON O.,[7] b. . . . . ; d. Dec. 19, 1862, in battle, being killed at Fredericksburg. A member of Co. G, 4th Regt.

IV. ADDIE D., b. . . . . ; mar. . . . . , and had six children.

V. ADMIRAL T.,[7] b. July 8, 1848; d. Mch. 18, 1891.
He mar. Dec. 25, 1874, *Nellie Whitney*, who d. Jan'y, 1891. *They had children:* **1.** ARTHUR,[8] b. Nov., 1875. **2.** BESSIE, b. 1879. **3.** IRWIN,[8] b. 1881. **4.** MAUD, b. 1885. **5.** FLOYD,[8] b. 1888. **6.** FRED,[8] b. Jan'y, 1891.

GEORGE N.,[6] son of Ezekiel,[5] Ezekiel,[4] b. Apl. 20, 1810, or '11; d. Feb. 21, 1873. He mar. June 4, 1843, at Boston, *Abbie Jackson Greenough Newton*, b. July 18, 1814; d. Nov. 2, 1880. *They had children:*

I. EMMELIENE G., b. June 14, 1844; mar. July 1, 1868, at Montpelier, Vt., Jerome Wright, and d. Sept., 1872. No issue.

II. GEORGE W.,[7] b. Mch. 19, 1848;
mar. Jan'y 8, 1871, *Inez A. Bodley*, at Sturgis, Mich., and resides at Union City, Mich. Children: **1.** CHARLES F.,[8] b. Jan'y 15, 1872. **2.** WILLIS G.,[8] b. May 31, 1873. **3.** Edith Evylyn, b. Dec. 7, 1875. **4.** HARRY M.,[8] b. Sept. 13, 1879. **5.** LEO J.,[8] b. Oct. 16, 1881; d. June 29, 1887.

III. FRANKLIN W.,[7] b. Mch. 10, 1853; d. Woodstock, Vt., Nov., 1871.

IV. HENRY N.,[7] b. June 4, 1857; mar. . . . . , and resides in Kansas City, Kan.

EDWIN C.,[6] son of Ezekiel,[5] Ezekiel,[4] mar. Mch. 27, 185–, *Sarah A. Cary*, b. Sept. 17, 1828. He d. June 7, 1889. *They had child:*

I. EFFIE JANE, b. Sept. 22, 1854; mar. Louis J. Sylvester Feb'y 11, 1885.

JOSEPH KENT, b. New York City; d. Seekonk July 17, 1895, aged 70 years.

JOSIAH KENT, 2d, of Seekonk and Lydia Lucinda Wakefield of Somers, Ct., were mar. (Int. Nov. 15, 1837), and had children: 1. Susan G., b. Jan. 23, 1850. 2. Son . . . . , b. Aug. 13, 1853. 3. Dau. . . . . , b. July 11, 1856.

JOHN M. KENT of Seekonk and Martha Corbin of Cumberland filed mar. intentions Dec. 21, 1838–Jan. 6, 1839.

LAPERIA KENT and David Jacobs, both of Seekonk, were mar. (Int. Nov. 20, 1832).

HARRIET KENT and Daniel B. Cooper, both of Seekonk, were mar. (Int. Nov. 11, 1832).

GEORGE W.[6] of Rehoboth and Sally Hall of Attleboro' were mar. by Rev. J. O. Barney Aug. 24, 1828, and had child: 1. Revere W.,[7] b. Oct. 31, 1876 (?).

JOSEPH D.[6] of Seekonk, son of Ezra,[5] Ezra,[4] mar. May 26, 1823, Hannah H. Baxter of Cumberland.

THOMAS V.,[6] son of Ezra,[5] Ezra,[4] of Rehoboth mar. 1st, Nov. 25, 1822, at St. Johnsbury, Vt., *Dolly Howard*, b. June 29, 1796; d. in Worcester, Mass., Feb. 19, 1836. He mar. 2d, Nov. 24, 1836, at Ware, Mass., *Hepsibeth R. Barnes*, b. W. Brookfield, Mass. He d. in Palmer, Mass. *Children by 1st wife:*

I. EZRA,[7] b. Sept. 2, 1823, at St. Johnsbury, Vt.; d. Oct. 20, 1852, Palmer, Mass., where he mar., in 1847, *Marietta Townsend* of Stafford, Conn. No issue.

II. BELA M.,[7] b. Mch. 16, 1826, at Attleborough, Mass.

III. ELLEN J., b. Aug. 26, 1827, at Attleborough; mar. *Kies Bacon* in Feb., 1851, at Palmer. Children: **1.** Marshall, b. July 26, 1852, at Palmer. **2.** Albertus, b. Oct. 19, 1854, at Ware, Mass.

IV. ALLEN V.,[7] b. Dec. 14, 1830, at Woonsocket, R.I.; mar. *Maria Stone*, at Palmer, Mass., and had children: **1.** Frank A.[8] **2.** Etta. **3.** Anna. **4.** Angie.

V. HARRIET M., b. July 4, 1833, at Northbridge, Mass.; d. Apl. 20, 1875, at Newark, N.J.

Children by 2d wife:

VI. DOLLY H., b. Aug. 24, 1837, at Palmer, Mass.

VII. JULIA A., b. July 21, 1844, Stafford Springs, Conn.

NATHAN[6] of Rehoboth, a weaver and son of Nathan,[5] Ezra,[4] was mar. 1st, Oct. 6, 1839, to *Mary Adams*, by Rev. J. C. Welch, at Warren; mar. 2d, Feb'y 19, 1855, at Warren, Mrs. *Sarah B. Baker*, widow, dau. of Reuben *Franklin*.

NATHANIEL KENT of Rehoboth and Orinda Read of Seekonk were mar. by Rev. John Pitman Sept. 22, 1817.

ELIZA R. KENT of Rehoboth and Milton Freeman of Attleboro' were mar. by Rev. J. O. Barney, Oct. 1, 1826.

JEMIMA KENT of Seekonk and Thos. Shaw of Attleborough: int. of mar. entered Oct. 12, 1822.

ZELINDA KENT and Benj. F. Brown, both of Seekonk: int. of mar. entered Oct. 18, 1822.

JOHN W.[6] of Seekonk, son of John,[5] Hezekiah,[4] mar. Feb. 17, 1853, aged 32, *Lucy A. M.*, dau. of Nath'l and Mary *Drown*, aged 29, of Rehoboth, but. b. at Seekonk. He d. Apl. 27, 1876, aged 55.

IRA,[6] son of John,[5] Samuel,[4] Josiah,[3] was mar. Nov. 28, 1821, to *Phebe*, dau. of Josiah and Phebe *Medbury*, by Rev. John Pitman, all of Seekonk. She d. Nov. 25, 1857, aged 62 yrs. 3 ds.

IRA,[6] son of Joseph,[5] Samuel,[4] Josiah,[3] was mar. Oct. 11, 1818, to *Sukey Ann*, dau. of Daniel *Drowne* of Barrington, by Rev. Luther Wright. She d. Jan., 1876, aged 81. He d. June 1, 1850, aged 56; buried at Tyler's Point. *They had children:*

I. IRA BICKNELL,[7] b. Apl. 18, 1819; was mar. Oct. 2, 1848, to *Eliza C. Allen*, by Rev. T. C. Jameson, at Providence, R.I.

II. SUSAN DROWNE, b. Aug. 24, 1821, at Warren; d. May 26, 1853, aged 31.

III. JOSEPH HENRY, b. July 8–18, 1831, at Barrington; mar. (?) Sept. 30, 1849, at Providence, *Mabel Horton*.

HARVEY S.,[6] son of Simon or Simeon,[5] of Seekonk, at 29 yrs. was mar. to Marcy or *Mary A.*, dau. of Turner and Mary *Fuller*, aged 26, at Sutton, by Rev. Willard Fuller, July 24, 1846, and had *child:*

I. WALTER H.,[7] b. Mch. 31, 1851.

WILLIAM,[6] son of Willson,[5] of Barrington, R.I., was mar. June 11, 1846, by Rev. Martin Cheney, to *Roby*, dau. of Lory *Fenner* of Scituate, R.I.

SAMUEL[7] of Seekonk, son of Elijah,[6] Remember,[5] Elijah,[4] mar. Oct. 25, 1849, *Mary Ann B. Whiting* of Attleborough, and d. Mch. 14, 1883, aged 78.

LEWIS[7] of Pawtucket, son of Seba,[6] mar. Dec. 28, 1843, *Lydia*, dau. of Benj. *French*, b. Nov. 6, 1824, in Seekonk;

mar. by Rev. J. O. Barney. He d. Aug. 12, 1856, aged 39 yrs. 9 mos. 5 ds. *They had children:*

I. George W.,[8] b. Oct. 5, 1844.
II. Josephine A., b. . . . . , 1846.
III. Anna J., b. Mch. 10, 1847.
IV. Abby I., b. Feby. 21, 1851, in New York; d. Sept. 16, 1851, at Seekonk, aged 6 mos. 23 ds.

HORACE[7] of Pawtucket, son of Seba,[6] was mar. Sept. 11, 1845, to *Lydia A. Simmons* of Rehoboth, by Rev. C. Blodgett, and d. Aug. 17, 1896. *They had children:*

I. Perley E.,[8] b. July 1, 1859.
II. Arabel Lelia, b. Feb. 8, 1862.

CHARLES EDWIN,[7] son of Larned or Samuel,[6] at 33 yrs. was mar. to *Rebecca*, dau. of William and Arabella *Wilson*, aged 23, of Pawtucket, R.I., by Rev. C. Blodgett, Nov. 21, 1861.

AZRO,[7] son of Remember,[6] Remember,[5] Ezekiel,[4] mar. Nov., 1849, *Hannah S.*, dau. of Edward and Susan *Eastman*, b. May, 1832, at Salisbury, N.H. *Children:*

I. Edward T.,[8] b. July 20, 1853; d. May 30, 1859.
II. Ele Martha, b. July 20, d. Aug. 31, 1859.
III. Edward B.,[8] b. July, 1866.
IV. Azro Ceil,[8] b. Aug., 1869.

PRENTISS J.,[7] son of Remember,[6] Remember,[5] Ezekiel.[4] Grad. medical dept., U. Vt., 1860. Appointed 1862 and in active service until 1864 as asst. surgeon in the 174th Regt. N.Y. Vols. He mar. Sept., 1864, *Elizabeth M.*, dau. of Ambrose and Sally *Atwater* of Burlington, Vt. *Children:*

I. Osborn Atwater,[8] b. Oct. 24, 1868, at Winooski Falls; d. July 15, 1869.
II. William Henry,[8] b. July 2, 1871, at Woonsocket, R.I.; d. July, 1872, at Burlington.
III. Arthur Atwater,[8] b. Dec., 1873, at Smithfield, R.I.

IRA RICHARDSON,[7] son of Ira,[6] Remember,[5] was familiarly known as "Rich" Kent. He mar. 1st, 1855, *Anna E.*, dau. of William H. and Harriet A. *Simpson*. She was b. in N.Y. City June, 1834; d. Aug. 3, 1856. He mar. 2d, Feb., 1870, *Inez R.*, dau. of Hon. P. W. *Aiken* of Hardwick, Vt., who d.

June 8, 1874. He d. Oct. 9, 1875, at Calais, Vt., having been for 20 years engaged in business in Spencer, Mass.; manufacturer of boots. He had *one child* by his first wife:

I. NORA ANN, b. July 28, 1856; d. Oct. 19, 1861.

LEROY ABDIEL[7] of Calais, Vt., son of Ira,[6] Remember,[5] postmaster 1873, a merchant and at one time a member of the State Legislature; mar. Feb. 22, 1875, *Susan Blanche*, dau. of S. D. *Hollister* of Marshfield, Vt., b. May 11, 1852. *Child:*

I. IRA RICH,[8] b. Oct. 28, 1876; in Tufts College, Mass., 1897.

MURRAY ABDIEL[7] of Montpelier, Vt., son of Abdiel,[6] mar. Feb. 23, 1870, *Ruth Eaton*, dau. of P. S. *Bennett*, b. Nov. 27, 1849, at Woodbury, Vt. *Child:*

I. DORMAN BRIDGEMAN EATON,[8] b. Nov. 1, 1875, at Calais, Vt.; grad. Montpelier Meth. Seminary June, 1894.

VAN R.,[7] son of Abdiel,[6] mar. Sept. 28, 1874, Lelia S., dau. of S. H. Foster, all of Calais, Vt. *Children:*

I. MARION LOUISE, b. May 28, 1879, at Spencer, Mass.
II. RALPH ABDIEL,[8] b. Oct. 30, 1882, at Spencer, Mass.
III. KARL FOSTER,[8] b. July 7, 1886, at Spencer, Mass.
IV. & V. twins { VAN R.,[8] LEE CURTIS,[8] } b. Jan. 31, 1891, at Denver, Colorado.

MARCUS NEWELL,[7] son of George,[6] Remember,[5] Ezekiel,[4] mar. May 4, 1862, *Hester A.*, dau. of Vial A. *Bliss*. He d. Oct. 20, 1876, aged 37, at Worcester, Vt. *Children:*

I. DORA B., b. . . .
II. FRANCES, b. . . .

GEORGE WALLACE,[7] son of George,[6] Remember,[5] Ezekiel,[4] mar. in May, 1868, *Justina A.*, dau. of Kneeland and Caroline Kelton, b. in Sept., 1849, E. Montpelier, Vt., where they resided. He d. May 10, 1896. *Children:*

I. ALICE GLEE, b. . . . ; mar. Feb. 20, 1895, Orlando L. Martin of Plainfield, Vt.
II. GEORGE,[8] b. . . .
III. KATE M., b. . . . ; mar. June 19, 1895, Rufus G. Robinson of Montpelier, Vt.
IV. JESSE J., b. . . .
V. MABEL C., b. May 10, 1884.
VI. VIRGIL K., b. Aug. 25, 1887.

BELA M.,[7] son of Thomas V.,[6] mar. 1st, Sept. 20, 1849, at Monson, Mass., *Adelia D. Bliss*, b. Monson Sept. 24, 1826; d. at Webster, Mass., June 5, 1869. He mar. 2d, Oct. 18, 1871, at Webster, *Almeda Coman Buck*, b. Jan. 4, 1834, at Killingly, Conn., by whom he had no issue.

BELA M.[7] and ADELIA D. BLISS KENT had *children:*

I. ELLA M., b. July 11, 1850, at Palmer, Mass.; d. Sept. 4, 1854, at Enfield, Conn.

II. CLARENCE M.,[8] b. Dec. 5, 1856, at Enfield; mar. Feb. 6, 1879, at Putnam, Conn., Ida Dewing Pettis, b. Feb. 6, 1860, and had children, b. at Putnam: **1.** Clifford R.,[9] b. Apl. 2, 1880; d. Oct. 2, 1889. **2.** Earl B.,[9] b. July 6, 1881. **3.** Edith M., b. Meh. 6, 1883. **4.** Mabel D., b. Feb. 15, 1886. **5.** Harold, b. June 7, 1890.

III. NELLIE J., b. Nov. 21, 1858, at So. Wilbraham, Mass.

IV. ERNEST B.,[8] b. July 31, 1861, at Somers, Conn.; mar. May 18, 1887, at Putnam, Fannie L. Bugbee, b. May 5, 1865, at Woodstock, Conn., and had children, b. in Putnam: **1.** Ethel B., b. Apl. 5, 1888. **2.** Carl T., b. Nov. 8, 1889.

V. CORA A., b. Feb. 14, 1866, at Warren, Mass.; mar. in Putnam, Mar. 10, 1885, Edward E. Sanderson, b. Apr. 19, 1864, at Eaton, N.Y. They have 2 chil., b. in Pomfret: **1.** Mildred L., b. Aug. 16, 1889. **2.** Merton Kent, b. Feb. 22, 1896.

GEORGE W.[8] of Pawtucket, R.I., son of Lewis,[7] b. in Lonsdale, R.I.; mar. *Lydia E. Fairbanks*, b. Dec. 27, 1837, Attleboro', Mass., *and had children:* **1.** Warren C.,[9] b. July 11, 1871; d. May 27, 1872. **2.** Archer L.,[9] b. Oct. 13, 1873. **3.** Revere W.,[9] b. Oct. 31, 1876. **4.** Ruth J., b. Feb. 10, 1880. **5.** Helen F., b. Apl. 28, 1884.

Others by the name of Kent whom I have been unable to locate, but who are connected with the above families, are as follows:

GEORGE W. KENT, aged 23, b. Pawtucket, Mass., son of Wellington and Lydia, mar. May 31, 1857, Elizabeth F., aged 25, dau. Nath'l and Hannah Bates of Providence.

SUSAN KENT and Jordan Beebe mar. Jan. 2, 1823, at Providence.

GEORGE H. KENT and Josephine Shaw mar. Oct. 7, 1849, at Providence.

SUSAN D. KENT and Asel Horton mar. Sept. 30, 1849, at Providence.

WINSLOW B. KENT and Julia Ann Whittemore mar. Nov. 30, 1843, at Providence.

ALMIRA KENT and Quincy Parker mar. June 13, 1848, at Providence.

JANE SOPHIA KENT and David Carter Darrah mar. Nov. 6, 1845, at No. Providence.

EVALINE KENT of Seekonk and Samuel W. Wing of Attleboro', Mass., mar. Sept. 7, 1844.

CELINDA B. KENT, aged 19, of Seekonk, Mass., dau. of Ira and Sarah R., mar. Oct. 31, 1855, *Edwin A.*, aged 21, son of *J. D.* and *Fanny Briggs* of Seekonk, b. in R.I.

EDWIN T. KENT, aged 22, of E. Providence, R.I., and Seekonk, Mass., son of Alba or Albro and Ruth, mar. 1st, Nov. 17, 1870, Martha L., aged 22, dau. of Thomas and Hannah Perren of Seekonk. He mar. 2d, aged 34, Sela A. Booker, aged 35, widow (former names Rice, Moosup), of Seekonk, June 5, 1883. *Ruth P.*, wife of Alba Kent, dau. of Martin and Fanny, d. Aug. 15, 1856, aged 45 yrs. 5 mos. 6 ds. . . . , son of Alba and Ruth P., b. Dec. 14, 1850, Seekonk. . . . , dau. of Alba and Ruth P., b. Nov. 7, 1853, Seekonk. *Fanny J.*, aged 23, of Rehoboth, b. Seekonk, dau. of Alba and Ruth P., mar. Nathan E., aged 23, son of John and Avice Hicks of Rehoboth, Feb. 1, 1860. *Fanny J. Hicks*, dau. of Alba and Ruth Kent, d. Dec. 16, 1863, aged 27 yrs. 1 m. 12 ds.

Minerva Louisa, dau. of Edwin and Maria L. Kent, was b. Jan'y 26, 1873, at Seekonk.

EZEKIEL KENT, JR., had children: 1. John, b. Mch. 3, 1804. 2. Harmon Greene, b. Dec. 28, 180–.

JOHN and ANN KENT had son Wm. H., b. July 18, 1857.

JOHN A. and ABBY A. KENT had dau. Amey L., b. Apr. 9, 1861.

JOSEPH and RACHEL M. KENT had dau. Elida May, b. Jan'y 16, 1859; also dau. Ella Maria, b. Barrington, R.I., d. Seekonk July 20, 1886, aged 34 yrs. 3 mos. 6 ds.

HENRY and JANE KENT had children, b. in Pawtucket: Albert, July 4, 1843. Florence, July 8, 1845.

PRESTON W. and JANE E. KENT had children, b. in Paw-

tucket: Sarah, Jan'y 2, 1857. Wm. W., Aug. 26, 1860; d. Sept. 12, 1860. Jane E. Kent, dau. of Wm. and Eliza McGaffey, b. at Lyndon, Vt.; d. Aug. 27, 1860, Pawtucket, aged 32 yrs. 7 mos.

JANE KENT, aged 33, b. Smithfield, dau. of John Thompson, of Pawtucket; mar. 2d, Nov. 15, 1855, Dan, son of Timothy Perry, of Pawtucket, aged 47 (his 3d mar.).

RUTH ANNE KENT and Robt. R. Pearce of E. Providence were mar. June 3, 1869.

HARRIET E. KENT and Lucas W. Read of Providence were mar. Sept. 28, 1863.

WILLIAM H. KENT of E. Providence and Abby J., dau. of Enock and Kezia B. Goff of Rehoboth, Mass., were mar. Sept. 15, 1862.

ABBY J. KENT, widow, aged 25, and Wm. H., aged 27, son of Rodolphus and Lepha Luther, all of Rehoboth, mar. Dec. 25, 1867.

MARTIN KENT and Martha Corbin of Cumberland were mar. Feb. 12, 1839.

SARAH E. KENT and Wm. F. Wright of Cumberland were mar. Dec. 6, 1846.

RUSSELL D. KENT of Seekonk and Abby A. Horton of Providence were mar. Dec. 12, 1840. Their dau., Mary E., was b. Jan. 17, 1844.

RUSSELL D. KENT and Abby Viall Lindon (Medbury), both of E. Providence, were mar. Oct. 28, 1880.

MARY E. KENT of E. Providence and Dominick J. Murray of Wheeling, W. Va., were mar. Aug. 31, 1869.

LUCY MOLTON KENT and Albert Raymond Read of Seekonk were mar. Nov. 15, 1877.

NANCY KENT and Charles Hubbard were mar. Dec. 9, 1804, at Barrington.

ALFRED KENT and Ruth Remington were mar. Nov. 7, 1813, at Barrington, R.I.

LUCY KENT and Benj. Pitman of Warren, R.I., were mar. by Elder Wight July 21, 1799.

VIGIL KENT and Emeline, dau. of John P. and M. C. Woodward of Seekonk, were mar. May 14, 1840. She d. Feb. 22,

1895, aged 75 yrs. 2 mos. 20 ds. Of their children: Naham, b. Aug. 17, 1850; d. Jan. 20, 1851. Emeline was b. July 11, 1855. Emma d. Feb. 7, 1872, aged 16 yrs. 7 mos.; and Elijah, at 25 yrs., mar. Feb. 25, 1880, Ida B., aged 23, dau. of Geo. F. and Emeline French of Seekonk, and had children: 1. Lawrence Howard, b. Feb. 9, 1883; and Raydon, b. Feb. 19, 1883(?) . . . , son of Josiah and Lydia Kent, d. July 11, 1856, Seekonk.

Elijah Kent of Pawtucket and Charlotte Jeffers of No. Providence were mar. Nov. 19, 1846.

William J. Kent, adopted son of Samuel, b. at Foxboro', d. Mch. 19, 1861, at Seekonk, aged 11 yrs. 11 mos. 29 ds.

Sarah Kent, widow, dau. of David and Abigail Cooper Perren, b. Rehoboth, d. Seekonk Feb. 24, 1866, aged 84 yrs. 6 mos. 21 ds.

Maria L. Kent, dau. of Thos. and Hannah Perren, d. Oct. 27, 1878, aged 30 yrs. 2 mos. 16 ds.

Luther Sabra Kent d. Mch. 17, 1859, at Warren, aged 85.

Emina Kent d. Feb. 5, 1814.

Josephine L. Kent, dau. of Samuel and Lydia Shaw, d. Dec. 11, 1879, aged 43 yrs. 1 mo. 10 ds.

Martha Kent, dau. of Isaac Brown, d. Oct. 7, 1849, aged 73 yrs. 10 mos.

Hannah Kent, widow, dau. of Peter and Hannah Bicknell, d. Dec. 2, 1856, aged 84 yrs. 2 mos.

Isaac B. Kent and Hannah R. Kent, both of Seekonk, were mar. by Rev. J. O. Barney Apl. 20, 1837. They had chil.: **1.** Alfred J., b. Nov. 27, 1849; mar. Nov. 22, 1876, Eliza Rechella Turner of Providence. **2.** Hannah Maria, b. July 29, 1851; d. Feb. 29, 1852.

The following possibly were connected with the above families:

Jonas Kent was in 10th Co., Capt. Thos. Doty, Brig. Dwight's Regt.

Sam'l Kent owned the 7th lot, E. side, going N.W. from Dorbey Brook, Suffolk County.

Robt. R. Kent was of the Boston Dispensary 1851 to '57, and clerk of St. John's Church 1858.

HENRY S. KENT was firewarden, Boston, 1826, and was at 89 Court St. and 110 Washington St.

JOHN KENT d. Jan. 14, 1826, at Boston, aged 25.

The Years Remembrances A Discourse delivered in the Meeting House of the First Parish in Cambridge on Sunday Dec. 31, 1748, By William Newell Pastor of the First Church in Cambridge Names, date of decease and ages, of those whose deaths are Commemorated in this elegant Obituary

Mary Frances daughter of *James Kent* Aug 21 — aged 16 mo dysentery

Marriages, 1849 — Swett, Mr. H. W., to Miss *Maria Louisa Kent*, 22 March, at New York, both of Boston.

Munroe Cutler was born in Lower Jay, N.Y., in 1838. He married *Emily Kent*, and resides at Black Brook, N.Y., where their eleven children were born:

I. Avriel, b. 1857; d. 1859.
II. Mary, b. 1860.
III. Fred, b. 1864.
IV. John, b. 1866; d. 1867.
V. Willie, d. 1868.
VI. & VII. Walter, b. 1870, d. 1870. Wallace, b. 1870, d. 1877.
VIII. Eddie, b. 1871.
IX. Kate, b. 1872; d. 1875.
X. Sidney, b. 1877.
XI. Frank, b. 1880.

From Historical Sketch of Chester, Pa.

At the close of a meeting for worship of the Religious Society of Friends, on first day, 10th mo., 1st, 1882, at their meeting-house on Market street, Chester, Pa., they conferred together in reference to holding a bi-centennial in commemoration of the landing of William Penn at this place. . . . The time and place agreed upon was 10th mo., 22d, at 2.30 P.M., in their meeting-house on Market street, being the first day prior to the State bi-centennial. At the above celebration *Henry S. Kent* of Hockessin, Del., read an original poem of twelve stanzas.

List of Names of all Persons who have belonged to the Canton Baptist Church between June 22, 1814, and July 24, 1865: *Mary C. Kent*, *Sarah Kent*.

Enoch T. Kent was a mill owner of Saugus, Mass., and *Edward S. Kent* resided at Cliftondale, a part of Saugus.

Worcester, Vt., soldiers of 1861–65: *Melvin P. Kent*, 8 A., prom. corp., re-en.

Worcester, Vt., item in the papers during the war: "*Charles Kent* has sent ten sons and sons-in-law into the army. One of them fell bravely fighting at Petersburgh; one of them died in hospital; one is in Sloan hospital; and the rest are now at the front. What father can boast of more patriotic sons?"

FREDERICK W. KENT was mustered into service in the Union army July 18, 1864, from Foxborough, Mass.

ANGELINE GATES KENT was confirmed in St. Anne's Church, Lowell, Mass., Apl. 7, 1867.

CHARLES H. KENT was city marshal of Lynn, Mass., 1875–6.

S. HENRY KENT was clerk of the common council, Lynn, Mass., 1879.

The records of Buckstown, Me., show the following marriages: Samuel Stubbs and *Hannah Kent*, Sept. 2, 1797; William Morgan and *Elizabeth Kent*, Oct. 6, 1798; *Levi Kent* and Anna Lewis, Jan. 20, 1798.

One **LEVI KENT**[1] was b. in New Jersey, who had a son Peter Kent,[2] b. in N.J. in 1812; d. in St. Louis, Mo., 1890, leaving a son, Levi G. Kent,[3] in 1897 a resident of Leadville, Col., b. Apl. 17, 1839, Bloomfield, N.J.; mar. Ellen Wood, b. Naperville, Ill., Sept. 16, 1866, and had children: **1.** George. **2.** Holles. **3.** Eva, who d. Oct. 9, 1890.

PETER HORR KENT had a brother John of Phoenix, Oswego Co., N.Y., who had a son Jacob, who mar. Mary Woodrick of Vienna, N.Y., and d. Aug. 5, 1891, aged 57; leaving children, b. in Herkimer: 1. John. 2. Alden. 3. Isaac. The latter in 1897 resided in Richfield Springs, N.Y.

ISAAC KENT,[1] b. Oct. 28, 1808; mar. Mch. 16, 1836, Susan M. Ware, who d. May 24, 1882. He d. Nov. 3, 1882. *They had children:*

I. ELISHA SMITH,[2] b. Jan. 5, 1837; d. May 29, 1874; mar. Sept. 3, 1854, *Elmira Dinsmore*, b. Oct. 9, 1833; d. Sept. 11, 1860. They had two children: **1.** *Charlie E.*,[3] b. Dec. 9, 1854; mar. May 11, 1886, to *Carrie M. Fiske*, b. July 4, 1865. **2.** *Carrie S.*, b. May 2, 1856; mar. Oct. 29, 1876, *Norman B. Howard*, b. May 19, 1849, and had 7 children: 1. Bertrand Walter, b. Mch. 18, 1877. 2. Bertha S., b. Feb. 23, 1880; d. Mch. 19, 1883. 3. Mabel Jane, b. May 24, 1881. 4. Marion, b. Oct. 16, 1885. 5. Jessie Lillian Blanche, b. Nov. 19, 1888. 6. Charles Waldo, b. July 31, 1893; d. Aug. 24, 1894. 7. Alston Waldo, b. Jan. 20, 1895.

II. MARY E., b. Feb. 25, 1838;
mar. Nov. 28, 1855, Frederic L. Jennison, b. Aug. 21, 1834, and had 2 chil.: **1.** Isabell, b. Oct. 19, 1856; mar. John S. Fogg Nov. 25, 1881, and d. June 2, 1894. He d. Nov. 21, 1896. They had one child, Walter S., b. Aug. 15, 1885. **2.** Walter F., b. Mch. 12, 1861; d. July 27, 1863.

III. ELLEN M., b. Aug. 18, 1840; mar. May 11, 1854,* William R. Howard, b. Nov. 17, 1833. She d. June 2, 1896.

IV. SAMUEL E.,[2] b. Nov. 28, 1842; mar. Dec. 6, 1865, *Etta Huntoon*, and had one child, *Frank H.*,[3] b. Mch. 1, 1868; mar. *Roa Jennings* Jan. 14, 1877,* and they have one child, *Geo. R.*,[4] b. Apl. 19, 1877.*

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* These dates as sent me.

CHAPTER IV.

THOMAS KENT OF GLOUCESTER, MASS., HIS POSSIBLE ENGLISH ANCESTRY, AND DESCENDANTS IN MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, NEW YORK, AND ELSEWHERE, A.D. 1468 TO A.D. 1897.

Any descendant of Thomas Kent interested in ascertaining the county and town in England from which he emigrated will probably be able to do so by following up the exhaustive records, copies from which are herewith given, having been obtained by the author after tedious and patient research.

WINNINGTON RECORDS, CHESHIRE.

From the Recognizance Rolls — **1441**: Richard de Wynyton, Nicholas Brette and THOMAS KENT to the King recog. in £100 to stand "undertreweloveday" with Tho. de Swetenham; and counter recog. by Swetenham and John Meistreson of Wich Malbank.

1468–9, Feb. 4. Ric. Wynyngton, THO. KENT of *Chester*, John Golburn, Ric. Donne and Legh of the Bothes, a like recog. (recog. in 509 marks that the said ——— keep the peace towards Ralph Grosvenor).

Palatine Records, Norwich, Cheshire: 18 and 19 Ric. II. Thomas Thynedene and THOMAS KENT appointed by John Holond, Earl of Huntyngdon, as his auditors. One of them was also appointed this earl's receiver, 20 and 21 Ric. II.

22 and 23 Ric. II. Thomas Thingden and THOMAS KENT appointed by John Holond, duke of Exeter, Earl of Huntyngdon, and Chamberlain of England, his auditors.

Nantwich hundreds, Rectors of Coppenhall, presented 1498, c'stmo s'ti Luce evngeliste:

Rectors. Dño WILTO KENT, p'sbitero.

Register of Baptisms, St. Mary's, Reading, Berkshire: 1554; Sept. 9, Chath. Kent. Nov. 30, THOMAS KENT. 1604, Dec. 23, *Henry*, s. *Clemment Kent.* 1606, Nov. 9, *Clement*, s. of ***Clement Kent.*** **1631, June 8, *Marie*, d. of *Henrie Kente.***

GENEALOGIA BEDFORDIENSIS: *Edward Kent* m. Jane, d. of John Fairclough of Weston, Co. Herts, bapt. at Goldington 9 Apr., 1575. A pedigree of Kent will be found in Harleian Soc. xxii. 148; xix. 178.

THOMAS KENT, Sen., of Ridgmont, gent., will dated Sept., 1678, recites that he had settled on Thomas his son a farmhouse in R. "which my late father *Thomas K.* gave unto me," to wife Rebecca parcels of land in R. lately purchased, with reversion to dans. Katherine and Rebecca, to whom he also leaves a messuage and 57 acres of land in Cardington, Cotton end. Residue to *wife Rebecca*, sole ex'trix. Pr. May 26, 1684.

In the old church at Ridgmont is a slab to the memory of Joane, d. of *Thomas and Rebecca Kent*, who ob. 9 Oct. 1711, *æt.* 26.

HENLOW.

1651, Feb. 18. *Kent, Mr. Edward*, Senior, bur. 1658, Nov. 16. *Kent, Mr.*, bur.

MILTON-ERNEST.

1632, Dec. 23. *Kent, Elizabeth*, d. of Thos., bapt.

RIDGMONT.

1678, Dec. 26. *Kent, Elizabeth*, d. of *Thomas*, gent., bapt. 1681, Apr. 29. *Kent, Rebeckah*, d. of Tho., gent., bapt. 1684, May 12. *Kent, Thomas*, gent., bur.

Yorkshire Records, Yorkshire Fines: 1602. Eastern Term, 44 Elizabeth. Plaintiff, Sampson Sympson. Deforciants, Thomas Lawtie and Alice his wife, and *Thomas Kent* and *Magdalen* his wife. Nature and situation of the property, messuage in Kingston upon Hull.

1602. *Easter Term, 44 Elizabeth.* Plaintiff, *Robert Kent.* Deforciants, William Stable and Alice his wife, and Thomas Atkinson and Isabel his wife. Nature and situation of the property, messuage with lands in Churwell.

1598. *Easter Term, 40 Elizabeth.* Plaintiff, Michael Wentworth, Esq. Deforciants, **THOMAS KENT,** clerk, and *Mary* his wife, and John Smithson and Alice his wife. Nature and situation of the property, messuage and a cottage with lands in Broarshawghe, Ardington, and Addle.

1601. Trinity Term, 43 Elizabeth. Plaintiff, Edmund Laycocke. Deforciants, Hugh Farrer and Grace his wife, *Arthur Kent*, and *Edward Kent.* Nature and situation of the

property, 4 messuages with lands in Collinge, Collinghill, and Collingcarre.

Yorkshire Genealogist. Hanson pedigree:

Edward

William — Edward — John = Mary, d. of *Thomas Kent* of Stanley.

YORKSHIRE RECORDS.

Yorkshire Wills: 1654. Register, *Alchin. Rebecca Kent*, Widdowe; place of residence, Hatfield; date of will, 18 May, 1654; administrator, John West, grandfather of *Thomas Kent*, son and a minor.

Yorkshire Fines: **1553.** *Trinity Term, 7 Edward VI.* Plaintiffs, *Henry Kent* and *Richard Beggshouse.* Deforciants, William Gascoyqn, Esq. Nature and situation of property, lands in Shipley.

The Will of JOHN WEST *of Hatfield:* Nov. 12, 1658, . . . To *Thomas Kent*, grandchild, fifteen acres in Kirk Bramwith, and till he is twenty-one, Sarah Beale to receive the rents. . . .

OLD CHURCH ROLL, HULL.

Members added: 1645, *Thomas Kent. Mary Kent* (eject.).

GENEALOGIA BEDFORDIENSIS.

Barton Le-Cley, 1645. May 7, Viney, *Kent, Robt.*, Minister, and Judith married.

CLOPHILL, Beverley, 1612. July 3, *Kent, Robert*, son of *Robert*, bur.

EATON-SOCON, 1679. Nov. 10, *Kent, Thomas*, gent., bur.

HUSBORNE-CRAWLEY, 1614. May 14, *Kent, Alice*, daughter of *Tho.*, bapt.

Flitton, 1672. Nov. 23, *Kent, Mr.*, ye cook at Wrest, bur.

Antiquities of Suffolk.

LACKFORD. In 1632 Sir John Gage and Lady Penelope his wife settled this property in remainder expectant upon the decease of the survivor of them on their eldest son. Sir Thomas Gage of Firle sold the manor and advowson of Lackford in 1717 to Philip Holman, Esq. From him they were purchased

in 1760 by *Samuel Kent*, Esq., and are now the estate of his heir, Sir William Charles Egleton Kent, Bart. Pedigree follows.

Rectores Ecclesiæ: 12 Oct., **1480**, Mag. *Robertus Kent*, *A.M.*, ad præs. ejusd.

SUFFOLK RECORDS — *the Kent Family: Griffith Kent* of *St. Saviour, Southwark, merchant*, party to an Indenture of Lease of 26 February, 1655, whereby he had demised to him the Pitchouse estate at Rederith Wall, Rederith (Rotherhithe), Surrey. Will dated 31st March, 1677. He married Mary, widow and executrix of Peter Theobald of St. Mary Magdalene, Bermondsey, shipwright (by whom she had only one child, Margaret Theobald, who married Thomas Turner of Hedon, *Kent*, Esq., and who had an only child who married James Eve of Dodington, Kent, clerk), and who had issue: 1. *Thomas Kent*. 2. *Elizabeth*, mar. Joseph Ball.

Thomas Kent (the above) of Christ Church, Southwark, merchant, executor of his father's will, had issue: 1. *Thomas Kent* of Greenwich, gentleman, administrator of his father. 2. *Samuel Kent*. 3. *John Kent*, witness to the signature of brother Samuel to lease of 19th March, 1717. 4. *Elizabeth*, married Dabee Wells and had a son, Samuel Wells . . . Several others, 1717 to 1835. Narrative dated 13th April, 1783. Signed by *Sir Thomas Kent*, Kt.: letters, etc.

WIGHT AND KENT FAMILIES: 1704, Feb. 16. Will of Daniel Wight. 1717, Mar. 19. Lease between Daniell Wight and *Samuell Kent*. 1770, Mar. 20. Indenture of lease made between Polydore Plumtre of Lincoln's Inn, *et al.*, and *Charles Kent* of Fornam. 1745, Aug. 19. Lease for a year between Sarah Perkins of Camberwell, Surrey, widow; *Thomas Kent* of Vauxhall, Surrey, distiller; and Joseph Tily of Simond's Inn.

1747, Oct. 2. Will of *Sarah Kent*. 30th March, 1778. Letter — Sam Wyatt to *Chas. Kent*. 19 Oct., 1779, pp. 157 and 158. Letters from *Thos. Kent*. July 13, 1762. Admission in fee of *Thomas Kent*.

LACKFORD. *Samuel Kent* of Fornham, St. Genevieve, in Suffolk, Lord of the manor of Lackford, died 8 Oct., 1752. (His descendants given to 1818.)

The arms of Kent are: gules; three cinquefoils ermine; crest, a lion's head.

ROTHERHAM RECORDS.

Names of the overseers of the poor for the years enumerated and amounts of their annual disbursements, 1677, appears: *Thomas Kent* and three others, £81.0.10.

LINCOLNSHIRE RECORDS.

The gentry of Lincolnshire of 1634 : Andrew Kent — Langton by Horncastle. Disclaimers, 1634 : *George Kent* — Kirton.

Kent Family wills, 1623–1676 : the will of "**THOMAS KENT** of *Scamblesby*, Clerk," DATED 23 JULY, 1623 ; proved at Lincoln 15 Nov. following.

The will of "*Timothy Kent* of Donington-on-Bain, Clerk," dated 13 Feb., 1623–4 ; proved at Lincoln 28 May, 1624.

The will of "*Elias Kent* of Scamblesby, gent.," dated 13 Feb., 1625 ; proved at Lincoln 20 Dec., 1628.

The will of *Thomas Kent* of Donington-on-Bain, Clerk, dated 1st June, 1638 ; proved at Lincoln 25th *idem*. . . .

The will of Mary Kent of Scamblesby, widow, probate 30 Jan., 1676–7.

ABSTRACTS OF SOMERSETSHIRE WILLS.

Sir John Knight of Bristol, Knt. and Alderman. Will dated Feb. 27, 1678–9. Proved Feb. 16, 1683–4, by his relict. . . .

My daughter *Kent* and her husband, *Mr. John Kent*. . . .

My godsons *John* and *Thomas Kent*. . . .

HARLEIAN SOCIETY.

1671–2, Jan. 24. *Thomas Kent* of Illington, Norfolk, Gent. Bach^{r}. ab^{t}. 32, and M^{rs}. Mary Watts of S^{t}. Giles in Fields, Sp^{r}. abt. 23, and at own dispose at St. Mary Savoy.

1672, May 17. *Christopher Kent* of Cheston, Herts, Gent. Wid^{r}., ab^{t}. 53, and Mary Dawgs of Hatfield, s^{d}. Co., Sp^{r}., ab^{t}. 30, at Northall Herts.

1673, Dec. 2. William Baldwyn of Defford, Co. Worcester, Gent. Bach^{r}., ab^{t}. 26, and M^{rs}. Rose *Mary Kent* of St. Clement, Danes, Midx., Sp^{r}., ab^{t}. 21. Consent of mother *M^{rs}. Mary Anne Kent*, of same, widow, at S^{t}. Clem^{ts}. afs^{d}.

The Church. [The following appears to be part of a rental of property belonging to Rotherham College. It is on paper much mutilated, and the ink very bad. No date, but hand of Henry VIII. or Edward VI.] Michaelmas Rents : *Thomas Kentt* in the hand of the king xiiij^{s}. . . .

Chief Rents in Kynberworth. . . . *Mychael Kentt*, for land in Thorppe.

Church warden's accounts : "Rotherham Disbursement, 1672. For ale when *Mr. Kent* was at Vicaridge . . . . . .

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Rest due to *Thomas Kent* and his partners the last p'ceding Churchwardens, at the foot of their Accompts, to be paid by these Accomptants . . 00 12. 06

The Church.

Strange Ministers, 1680, July 13. For Sack and Ale when *Mr. Kent* preached 1. 6
1689. SACK for *Mr. Kent* 1. 3
March 11. SACK for *Mr. Kent* . . . . . 1.
1710. ALE when *Mr. Kent* preached 1. 6
" " *Mr. Kent* " 1. 6

Rotherham early parish registers: baptisms in June, 1558. Anne ye doght of Wyll^a^m Kente Crist' ye ix^0^ day.

1563, October. **THOMAS KENT** 3 die bapt'.

THE COUNTY OF DERBY RECORDS.

Worthies of Derbyshire.

Names.	Places.	A.D.
Thomas Kent.	Coal Aston.	1695.

Eminent natives of the county of Derby: *Thomas Wickham Kent*, sculptor and musician, Bardwell, born 1744; died 1817. Annual ob. 2. 459.

Coal or Cold Aston, a village, township, and constablewick, in the parish of Dronfield, &c. *Thomas Kent*, the last male heir of the ancient family of that name (who had resided at Povey in this township many generations), left an only daughter and heiress, who married George Sitwell, Esq., and brought a good estate to that family, which is now enjoyed by Sir George Sitwell of Renshaw, Bart.

Charities. *Thomas Kent*, by his will bearing date 8th July, 1695, left a house, barn, and several closes of land, containing, according to the Commissioner's Report, 9a. 3r 1/0, now let for £16. yearly, for the putting forth apprentices.

PARISH OF PINISTON — DENBY, DORCASTER. *The Chapel.* *Timothy Kent* became minister here in 1665, and so continued till his death. He has the following epitaph in the chapel: Christum olim venturum hic præstolatur *Timotheus Kent*, Artium Magister, et hujus ecclesiæ nuper Minister Pastor probus, fidelis (si quis alius) Vigilantissimus concionator assiduus, utilis, facundus, argumentorum tamen acumine et pondere quam Verborum lenocinio et jactantiâ, potentior, Vir bonus et elogio melior: atque non potest marmor, propriæ virtutes et amicorum desideria loquentur. Obiit Aug. 21, anno Dom. 1691.

County of Cambridge Records — *Chippenham* Reformation, 1643, March 23. Freeholders: *Thomas Kent.*

Sutton Freeholders: *Henry Kent* (Colne).

Register of Church St. Botolph. — *Baptisms:* Feb. 5. 1636: *Jane*, daughter of *Walter* and *Mary Kente.* Feb, 17 1648: *Margaret*, daughter of *Thomas* and *Alice Kent.* Apl. 26 1651: *Sarah*, daughter of *Thomas* and *Alice Kent.* (Several of the names of *Briggs* in the different spelling are to be found in these records.)

Berkshire Records. — *Homer hundred Abingdon Town* In this town are two churches — the first, dedicated to St. Helen, has in it the following monuments: On a plate of brass, fixed on a gravestone lying at the west end of the body of the church, is this inscription: Here lyeth the Bodies of **THOMAS KENT,** who departed the ixth of June MDCI. and Katherine, his wife, who departed the xxivth of June, Anno Domini, MDCXVIII.

BEDFORDSHIRE RECORDS.

Barton-le-Cley. Extracts from Parish Registers 1645: May 7. Robt. Viney, minister, and *Judith Kent* were married. Parish Registers, *Ridgmont*, 1678: Elizabeth Kent, the dafter of *Thomas Kent*, gentelman, was baptisd Desember 26 day.

Marriage licenses issued from the Faculty Office of the Archbishop of Canterbury: 159, 1624, Nov. 20. *Edward Kent*, Gent., Bach^{r}. 30, son of *Edward Kent* the elder, Gent, who alleges, and *Elizabeth Harding*, Spinster of Northill, about same age, her parents dead; at S^{t}. Mathew's Friday st London.

BEDFORDSHIRE WILLS.

Abstracts from original wills at District Court of Probate, Northampton: David Malcott of Eaton Socon, gent. 13 May 1650 To *Thomas Kent*, gent, 20s. to buy a ring.

Gleanings from parish registers. — Pulloxhill Burials, 1657: Aug. 24. *Kent, Thomas.*

ROTHERHAM RECORDS.

Here lyeth Ann, daughter of Thomas Creswick, of Burrough Leigh, Gent, and wife of *Wm Kent* of Kimberworth Gent, who died Dec 9 — 1723. aged 68 Also *Thomas Kent* of Kilnhurst Gent Son of the above Wm Kent died March 5th 1747, aged 53 years And *M^{r}. Thomas Kent* Son of *John Kent* of Kimberworth Gent. died Oct 30, 1756 being twenty-one wanting nine hours.

THOMAS KENT,[1] b. in England, emigrated with his wife to Gloucester, Mass., prior to 1643. He had a house and land near the burying ground in the West Parish, sometimes known as Chebacco, and now as Essex. He may have been connected with Richard of Newbury who received a grant of land also near Chebacco river in 1635. He appears among a list of 82 settlers, all the known *proprietors* of land in Gloucester from the time of its settlement to the close of 1650. Gloucester was probably chosen by these proprietors on account of its value as a fishing post. The waters of Massachusetts Bay have for their extreme northern barrier the rocky promontory of Cape Ann, extending from the mainland nine miles, being about five miles in width and jutting boldly out into the open sea; once heavily wooded with valuable timber, but with a barren soil and cold climate. One would think that these conditions were little adapted to attract the agriculturist Thomas Kent to these shores.

Thomas Kent, yeoman, died according to Col. Kent of Lancaster, N.H., May 1, 1656. Hist. of Essex Co., May 1, 1658. Essex court records, April 1, 1658. Salem records, Feb. 1, 1658. His widow died at Gloucester Oct. 16, 1671.

THOMAS KENT[1] and his wife had children:

I. THOMAS,[2] b. probably in Eng.
II. SAMUEL,[2] b. " " "
III. JOSIAH,[2] b. " " "

THOMAS,[2] son of Thomas,[1] was mar. by Rev. Saml. Simpson to *Joan*, dau. of Thomas *Penny*, Mar. 28, 1658–9, and d. Aug. 14, 1691–6. She was dau. of Thomas Penny by his wife Ann, who d. Feb. 26, 1667, he having had three wives, and d. at W. Gloucester, 1692. A deposition given in 1657 speaks of the brothers *Thomas* and *Josiah* being *of Gloucester*. An inventory of the estate of Thomas, Jr., was taken Mar. 19, 1692, and administered by his *brother Josiah* Mar. 26. There is a record of Gloucester of a Thomas Kent, Jr., having died Aug. 3, 1696. This may have been a son of Thomas and Joan, and is probably the same Thomas who "being in full communion with the church at Gloster Desires to be made free. Consented to 16 May 1690."

A levy was made on all the towns in the fall of 1675 for *active service in King Philip's war*. Nov. 30, 1675, *Thomas Kent was among those drafted to serve for Gloucester*. "*All wch*," said the officer who made the return of names, "*due want warm cloathing and must have new coates*." He bought lands

of William Meades, which, in 1655, he recorded to his brother Samuel; together they bought of Thomas Prince, in 1657, 18 acres of land on the west side of Little River, where a house and land was situated that Thomas, in 1667, sold to Richard Dike. The land that they owned together in W. Gloucester has since been known as "KENT'S COVE LANDING."

THOMAS[2] and his wife JOAN had children:

I. JOSIAH,[3] b. Mar. 31, 1660.

II. SARAH or MARY, b. Jan. 22, 1662.

III. & IV. twins { MERCY or MARCY, JOAN, } b. Feb. 24, 1664–5; d. Mar. 2, 1665.

V. JOAN, b. Aug. 5, 1666; mar. John Pulcifer Dec. 31, 1684; and d. June 8, 1755, leaving children.

VI. JOHN,[3] b. Jan. or Apr. 2, 1676–7.

SAMUEL,[2] son of Thomas,[1] was mar. by Rev. Sam'l Simonds, Jan. 17, 1654, to *Frances Woodall*, who d. Aug. 10, 1683. One *Samuel Kent* of Gloucester was "made free at ye Court 11 May 1681," but the above Samuel was in Brookfield, Mass., soon after 1667, and Savage says "his bro. Thos. was of Brookfield in 1671."

The Town Plot (Brookfield). The order in which the house-lots were laid out is as follows: Beginning at Coy's brook, the 4th *Samuel Kent's*.

CORN MILL, ABOUT 1675.

Mr. P. [John Pynchon] had granted to him at Quabaug 50 acres of upland, laid out and measured to him together on the westerly side of the Brooke which runs through Matchuck meddow; and 25 acres of meddow, laid out in two parcels, one at the small falls in the brook, 20 acres on both sides at Matchuck, Joining *Samuel Kents* meddow.

To the Highly Honn^rd ye Gen^rll Co^rte of the Massachusetts: The humble Petition of the Inhabitants of Quaubaugs, Sheweth, That whereas wee being not yet allowed a Township wee are disabled as to comfortably carrying on y^e. affaires of the place as is requisite for the publicke & our own conveniences in divers respects, as for the Ordering the Prudentiall affairs of the Town proper to Select Men, makeing & collecting of Rates &c Wee have indeed a Committee to helpe in these matters, but in regard we cannot rationally desire or expect the p^rsence & assistance of One of the Comittee (Vizt the Honno^rd Major Pynchon) Soe often as we need by reason of his remoteness, And yett w^th^out his p^rsence or concurrence the Comittee cannot make a valid act; The p^rmises considered Our Humble request is, that this much Honno^rd Co^rte would be please to grant us the Priviledge & libertyes of a Township whereby we may be the better inabled to carry on our owne matters w^th^out too much distraction,

And y^r Petition^rs shall ever pray for yor. prosperity. If Yo^r. Honno^rs please let y^e. Name of ye Place be Brookfeild. Octr ye 10. 1673

Samuel Kent and 16 other names.

"It is probable, judging from the names in this petition and from the allotments of lands, that most, if not all, of the old Ipswich grantees had taken advantage of the privilege accorded to them in the regrant. . . . were all from Ipswich, while . . . . *Samuel Kent* . . . . were Essex county men and probably associated with the Ipswich men in the original grant."

On the destruction of the town of Brookfield Samuel moved to *Suffield, Conn., in 1678.* On Sept. 8, 1686, he sold his house lot and rights in Brookfield to John Scott, Sen., of Suffield, whose sons Ebenezer and William, in 1703, sold the same to Thos. Barnes of Brookfield. His will, recorded on p. 10 of reverse end, vol. A., Hampshire Co. Land Records, is dated Aug. 17, 1689, with a codicil of Jan. 3, 1690–1. In it he mentions *wife* and *sons Sam'l* and *John*, and a small legacy to Jonathan Downing. The Springfield records say he was "*taken sick and died Feby. 2, 1690–1.*" He evidently *mar. twice*, as his *wife Frances* d. Aug. 10, 1683, and the inventory of his estate, amounting to £96 10s., was sworn to by *his widow Mary* soon after his death.

SAMUEL[2] and his wife FRANCES had children:

I. SARAH, b. Aug. 14, 1657.
II. MARY, b. Dec. 19, 1658.
III. SAMUEL,[3] b. Oct. 26, 1661.
IV. JOHN,[3] b. Apl. 28, 1664.

JOSIAH,[2] son of Thomas,[1] was in Gloucester in 1657, also in 1691.

JOSIAH,[3] son of Thomas,[2] was mar. Apl. 17, 1689, by Rev. Mr. Emerson, at Gloucester, to *Mary Lufkin*, and d. May 19, 1725.

There were 31 lots laid out west of the Cut bridge in that section of the town comprising West Gloucester and Magnolia. They were drawn as follows: . . . *Josiah Kent.* "Feb. 27, 1688. Voted that every householder and young man attaining his majority and was a Native of the town should be granted Six acres of land."

Extract from letter from Sam^ll Hinckes, Mass. Arch., 52, 110, 111, dated Capt. Samuel Hinks Fort *Jann.^y 25, 1724–5.* Downer has forged a Discharge & shown it, also my Name in Severall papers, some have by me as furloes, & I hope your Hon^r. will give orders to Comanding officers to Secure him, for the Service, I heard of him being at Newbury & *Capt Kent* can Secure him, he was born their & his friends are at Norwich.

NOVEM^R. 27. 1707. The following Resolve pass'd in Y^e House of Represent^ves Resolved that the Sum of Five Pounds fourteen Shillings & Six Pence be allow'd & paid out of the publick Treasury to Thomas Sawyer in Full of his accompt of Expences for nursing & attendance of Nickerson Brick, *Kent* & Fowler, Sick & lame Soldiers in her Majestics Service, put on Shoar at Glocester Consented to I Dudley.

JOSIAH[3] and MARY LUFKIN KENT had children:

I. MARY, b. Jan. 26, 1690; probably the same who mar. John Bond Dec. 31, 1722.
II. SARAH, b. Aug. 16, 1692.

III. JOSIAH,[4] b. Aug. 3, 1694; probably moved to Harvard, Mass.

IV. ABIGAIL, b. July 9, 1697; probably the same who mar. Otho. Stevens Mar. 21, 1723, and had chil.: 1. Sam'l, 1724. 2. Otho., 1726. 3. Archelaus, 1729. 4. Abigail, 1731.

V. JOHN,[4] b. Mch. 29, 1700.

JOHN,[3] son. of Thomas,[2] mar. . . . , and had children. He d. about Apl. 19, 1743, when Col. Epes Sargent was paid by the Selectmen of Gloucester " £2 for four pairs of gloves to be given at ye burial of John Kent."

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I. SAMUEL, b. Dec. 8, 1684; d. Feb. 20, 1684–5.

II. SAMUEL,[4] b. Dec. 6, 1685.

III. THOMAS,[4] b. Apl. 3, 1688.

IV. JOHN, b. Aug. 24, 1690; d. young(?).

V. JOSIAH,[4] b. Jan. 24, 1692.

VI. PRISCILLA, b. Feb. 24, 1694–5.

The child by his second wife was:

VII. MARTHA, b. Feb. 16, 1697; d. the day after its mother, Feb. 24, 1697–8.

The children by his third wife were:

VIII. MARTHA, b. Feb. 8, 1702–3.

IX. & X. twins { DANIEL,[4] MARY, } b. July 10, 1704.

(One Mary Kent mar. Sept. 3, 1730, Abner Dole, b. May 11, 1706, who was living in 1769.)

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It was voted that every male person that is in the twenty 1st year of his age

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shall be accounted inhabitants according to the names expressed herein and they to poses the s^d. land as by the tow[n] is granted to them. Att a ful Meeting of the Inhabitants as attests Sam^ll Ely Clerk.

Samil Kent

Att a meeting of the Inhabitants About the land given by the town Hear folowcth an account how the lots lyeing on the hill Ware Drawn. And also of booth the other divisions as they Ware Numbered.

It was agreed to have three divisions one Below aggowan river, one from the to[p] of the hill next to aggowan River to Run to dorbey Brook and the next division to begin at dorbeys brook and so to extend to the end of the land given by the town. Aggowan Division The lots to be ten acres. *Sam.^ll Kent* — 19

The Comitee Appointed by the town

And on May the 28th the meeting Asembled Voted that the heirs of Sam^ll Miller Junr. Deceased have a lot divided to them, Voted that of Joseph Bodurtha Junr Deceased have a lot divided to them (viz) the heiers of Jo^s Bodurtha Voted that *Sam^ll Kent* have a lot divided to him.

(About 1734.) The Committee appointed to make Enquiry into the Doings of the Committee for the Settlement of the upper Housatonick Township &c Make Report That William Dudley Joseph Wilder & John Chandler Esq^rs. three of this present Committee

Having Repaired to *Westfield* were attended by the Committee of the upper Township on Housetunnick River when they informed us of their proceedings in the affair and Wee Examined them touching many complaints laid before us. of their taking Sundry Sums of money of Persons. by them admitted as Grantees in said Township. Some of which they acknowledged, and gave account for the laying out or disposition thereof in the service of that and the lower Township now called Sheffield: And we find the accounts so confused and intermixed with the last mentioned Town. particularly concerning great Expences. made by the Committee in Several Law suits at Albany, with Some Gentlemen that Claimed these Lands and that Seized and carried to Albany one or more Inhabitants of the lower Town. that we could not Separate them. and Some Money alledg'd to be Received by them they utterly denyed: as Twenty pounds of one Clements for Confirming his Right bought of an original Grantee and Twelve Pounds and Some Gold of one Schermerhorne who has no Right at all. Thence We proceeded on the spot accompanied by two of the said Committee: and there Some of the Inhabitants of Sheffield offered Som more complaints against the Proceedings of the said Committee, but that not being within our Commission We intermeddled not their with — And upon the whole The Committee added to the aforenamed Report twelve Grantees into this upper Township more than they did in Sheffield and herein have in our opinion exceeded what the Court designed in the Grant of the Two Townships, Wherein they mention One Hundred and Twenty Grantees. and to avoid this the said Committee have in the number reduced them to sixty, but thereby they have fallen into the other Extream by making some of the Grants out of all proportion to others. as is particularly made mention of in the Report of a Committee of this Honourable Court. and accepted by yor. Excellency and Honours the sixth of January last Which Report being the Foundation whereon we were to act in the Reduction of those large Grants We proceeded therefore to obtain the best account of the Gradations of the Grantees and by the best Information and Sifting We have obtained the following List Above the mountain: *Samuel Kent* — 400.

May 25, 1737. The Names of the *Represent^es* to the *Gen'l Court* — from County of Hampshire — Suffield *Mr Samuel Kent.*

JOHN,[3] son of Samuel,[2] was b. in Gloucester, but appears in *Suffield, Conn., in 1680*, where he d. Apl. 11, 1721.

June 11. 1715 *The following Order pass'd in Council sent down for Concurrence* Viz: Upon Reading a Petition of Peter Roe, *John Kent*, James Younglove

& Jacob Adams Junr *Select men* of the Town *of Suffield*, Setting forth that the Town is in great Confusion by Reason of Differences about the Choice of their Town officers, Praying Remedy from this Court Ordered that the Justices of West Hampshire appoint an extraordinary Session at Suffield & Command a Town Meeting to be summoned there, & upon Reading the Papers & Proof of the Allegations therein that they establish the Select men chosen according to the usual Custom of the Town for ten years past to proceed in the Business of the Town for this year. But that for the future they proceed according to the Direction of the Law.

—JOHN[3] mar. 1st, *Abigail*, b. May 24, 1667, dau. of Wm. and Mary (Roe) *Dudley*, May 9, 1686; 2d, 1708–9, *Abigail*, dau. of Capt. Joseph *Winchell*, who survived him many years, dying Mch. 21, 1767. *Children by first wife were:*

I. MARY, b. Jan. 25–6, 1687; d. Mch. 9, 1688.
II. JOHN,[4] b. Jan. 26, 1688.
III. ABIGAIL, b. Sept. 28, 1690; mar. *Sam'l Copeley* of Suffield Feb. 4, 1713–14, and had five children: Sam'l, Daniel, Mary, Abigail, Elisha.
IV. DEBORAH, b. Aug. 22, 1693; mar. *Shadrach Hathaway* of Suffield Apl. 25, 1717, and had two children: Shadrach, Simeon.
V. DUDLEY,[4] b. Oct. 23, 1695.
VI. MARY, b. Oct. 28, 1697; d. Feb. 8, 1698.
VII. SAMUEL,[4] b. Dec. 14, 1698.
VIII. ABNER,[4] b. June 7, 1701.
IX. ELISHA,[4] b. July 9, 1704. 1711

His children by 2d wife were:

X. JOSEPH,[4] b. Feb. 26, 1710.
XI. NOAH,[4] b. Apl. 28, 1714.
XII. EXPERIENCE, b. Mch. 4, 1717.

JOSIAH,[4] son of Josiah,[3] d. Mch. 8, 1767, in Harvard, Mass., where he moved prior to 1743, Asa Haven succeeding to some of his estate. His widow, *Sarah*, d. Oct. 29, 1774. They had no sons, but two daughters:

I. MARY, b. Apl. 22, 1741. (One Mary Kent of Harvard was mar. Oct. 2, 1764, to Abraham Scott of Bolton, by Rev. Thos. Goss.)
II. ABIGAIL, b. Aug. 2, 1744. (One Lois Kent, aged 30, d. in Harvard Jan. 18, 1756.)

The names of those receiving woodland in 1723 furnishes a good directory of the male inhabitants of Gloucester in 1704, and who were residents at that period, being included in the list of grantees, as follows, viz.: *Josiah Kent*, *John Kent*, et al.

James Atherton, third of the name, sold in 1740 his farm lying partly in Harvard and partly in Bolton to *Josiah Kent from Gloucester*, who lived upon it

until his death in 1767. Having no sons, a son-in-law, Abraham Scott, a smith, owned and occupied the Atherton homestead.

Abraham Whitney's farm was directly north of Elijah's, and was, like his, chiefly from the James Atherton estate. Abraham Whitney, Sr., bought lands here of *Josiah Kent* in 1743.

May 19, 1766. The Report Concerning Reseating the Meeting House in Harvard, Agreeable to a vote in sd Town passed in the Last Annual Meeting — We the subscribers have seated each man and his wife in the Following Order, viz.: In the Fore Seat Below *Mr Josiah Kent.*

Eunice Kent of Harvard and Asa Harris of Lancaster were mar. Sept. 25, 1744, by Rev. John Seccomb.

JOHN,[4] son of Josiah,[3] was mar. Jan. 10, 1723, by Rev. Samuel Thompson, to *Mary*, dau. of James and Hannah *Godfrey* of W. Gloucester, who was b. June 17, 1703. He was a "yeoman" and "owned the covenant" Feb. 9, 1723–4. All of his sons' names began with the letter J. *He had children:*

I. Mary, b. Dec. 20, 1723.
II. Jacob,[5] b. June 12, 1726.
III. Josiah,[5] b. June 23, 1728.
IV. Joseph,[5] b. June 7, 1730.
V. James,[5] b. July 31, 173–.
VI. John,[5] b. Feb. 11, 1734–5.
VII. Sarah, b. Nov. 12, 1738. (One *Sarah Kent* was mar. Mch. 3, 1759, to Abijah Cole of Harvard, by Peter Atherton, Esq.)
VIII. Jeremiah,[5] b. Feb. 27, 1740–1.
IX. Job,[5] b. Mch. 31, 1743.
X. Judith, b. . . . (One Judith Kent mar. Thos. Merrill of So. Hampton, and had dau. Judith, who mar. May 2, 1728, Jonathan, b. Oct. 22, 1705, son of John Flanders.)

SAMUEL,[4] son of Sam'l,[3] mar. *Abiah* . . . ; probably is the one who d. Suffield Feb. 13, 1748. (One Sam'l Kent, possibly son of the above Sam'l, d. Jan. 14, 1739, aged 4 mos. 10 ds., and is buried Middletown, Conn.

Samuel,[4] of Suffield, Hampshire Co., yeoman, sells land in Bedford, Hampshire Co., in 1742, being ½ of 200 acres granted heirs of Sam'l Gillet dec'd.

In *1737 Sam'l Kent,*[4] of Suffield, Co. of Hampshire, *Gent.* & *Abiah his wife* in consid. £120 P'd by Jona. Dwight, Inholder of Boston deed to Abraham Burbank of Suffield Abel Cadwell of West field — 3 two & thirtieth parts of 2 houses in Boston which did belong to Seth Dwight of Dedham & given by him to the heirs of Nath'l Dwight of Northampton dec[d]. 1 house on the lane leading to No[th] Burying Ground; the other on Broad St. to the water.

JOSIAH,[4] son of Sam'l,[3] is prob. the same Josiah Kent who appears on the Muster Roll of Capt. John Goffe and 44 men who served as a *scouting party* from Apl. 24 to May 19, *1746*, and in *1756* in the 5th Co., 9th Regt., of Mass., who served at the reduction of Louisburg, *Jonas Kent* being in the 10th Company.

DANIEL,[4] son of Sam'l,[3] living in *Suffield* in 1767, was dead in 1774; he mar. *Hannah Steele* Apl. 27, 1726. THEY HAD CHILDREN:

I. DANIEL,[5] b. Mch. 10, 1726–7; owned land, Suff'd, 1762.
II. JOEL,[5] b. Sept. 7, 1729; " " " "
III. SIMEON,[5] b. Sept. 7, 1730; " " " "
IV. CHARLES,[5] b. Feb. 5, 1731–2; " " " "
V. HANNAH, b. Apl. 16, 1738.
VI. MIRIAM, b. Dec. 29, 1740.

JOHN,[4] son of John,[3] mar. 1st, *Mary Smith* May 27, 1729; 2d, *Hannah Marsh* of Hadley, Mass., Dec. 1, 1732; and d. June 24, 1737. It was probably his widow who became the 2d wife of John, son of Thos. Day of Hadley, Aug. 27, 1743, and who d. Nov. 20, 1752, aged 79. He was a *Representative* to the *Great* and *General Court* for the town of Suffield, in the County of Hampshire, from 1724 until 1732, and was called "Capt." in 1730.

DEC. 19, 1724: A Petition of JOHN KENT *Representative* for the Town of *Suffield* Praying Liberty to Purchase a Piece of Land of the Quantity of one hundred acres reserved for the use of the Province & lying on the South Side of Stony Brook in Suffield near the joining of Northampton & Springfield Roads to Windsor, the Said Land being of no benefit to the Province and that Some Persons may be Impower'd to view the Land & Set a value upon it & to Treat with the Petitioner upon the Terms of the Purchase. In the House of Represent^s Read & Ordered that Capt John Ashley & Mr William Pynchon be Desired to repair to the Land Petition'd for, View the Quality thereof, and Report to this Court, at their session in May next, the Value of the Same. In Council Read & Concurd — Consented to W^m. Dummer

June 22. 1725. A Petition of John Kent of Suffield, Showing that Whereas this Court did at their last Session (upon his Petition then Prefered) appoint a Committee to Value a Piece of Land of the quantity of one hundred acres, which he was Desirous to Purchase of the Province lying in Suffield & to make Report thereof to this Court at their Present Session, The Said Committee have as yet done nothing in that affair, and therefore praying that the said order may be revived & the said Committee Directed to make their Report, at the next Session of this Court.

In the House of Represent^s Read & ordered that Capt John Ashley and Mr William Pynchon be Desired to repair to the Lands Petitioned for view the Quality thereof & Report to this Court at their next Fall Session the Value of the same in their Opinion, The Committee are also Directed to report the Quantity of the Lands. In Council Read & Concurd: Consented to W^m. Dummer.

Novem^r 16. 1725. An accompt presented by Peter Roe of Suffield of the Charge of Victualling Connecticut Soldiers ye last year, amounting to £7.8.11. In the House of Represent^ves Resolved that the sum of Seven Pounds, Eight shillings & Eleven pence be allowed & paid out of the publick Treasury to *Mr John Kent* to be by him paid to the said Peter Roe in full Discharge of said accompt. In Council Read & Concur'd — Consented to W^m. Dummer.

Novr. 19. 1725. In the House of Represent^ves — Upon Reading a Petition of *Mr John Kent* of Suffield Praying as Enter'd the 18th of Decem^r & 22^d of June last for Leave to purchase a Tract of Land of about One Hundred Acres on the South side of Stony Brook So called in Suffield, near where Northampton & Springfield Ways to Windsor meet, reserved to the Government in the Grant to the Town of Suffield & the Report of the Committee appointed the 22^d of June last to repair to the said Land view the Quality thereof, & report their opinion of the Value of the Same as Entered Yesterday & Accepted. Voted & Granted to the said *John Kent* his Heirs & Assigns for Ever in Consideration of the Sum of Seventy five Pounds in Bills of Credit paid to the Treasurer or Receiver General of the Province One Hundred Acres of Land lying & being on the South Side of Stony Brook (so called) in the Town of Suffield, near where Northampton & Springfield Ways to Windsor meet, a Plat thereof to be taken by a Surveyour & Chain Men upon Oath, to be returned to this Court at their Session in May next for further Confirmation, The Charge of the Said Survey & Plat to be paid by the Said *John Kent* In Council Read & Concur'd — Consented to Wm Dummer.

June 13. 1726. A Plan of one Hundred Acres of Land lying on ye South Side of Stony Brook in Suffield protracted and Surveyed by a Surveyour and Chain Men under oath to Satisfie a Grant made to *Mr John Kent* by this Court for the Consideration therein Mentioned was presented for Confirmation. In the House of Represent^ves Read & Accepted & Resolved that ye Land protracted and Described be and hereby is Confirmed unto the said *John Kent* his Heirs and Assignes forever. Provided it does not Contain more than One Hundred Acres nor does not interfere on any former Grant. In Council Read & Concur'd — Consented to W^m. Dummer

Jany. 12. 1727. A Petition of *John Kent* Praying for him Self & Joseph Kellogg Loan of the publick money for encouraging them in the manufacturing of Steel of the Iron of this Province which they have engaged in & find by Experience that they can make Steel of the nature & Quality of German Steel which will be greatly for the Benefit of the Province In the House of Represent^ves Read & The House having taken under consideration the Subject matter of this Petition, In Answer thereto the following Vote pass'd; Viz In as much as the Cost & Charge in erecting Work Houses & laying in Stock & Materials to effect it will demand a larger Sum than he can advance & Some Considerable Time before he can be repaid by the Profits arising out of the Same — Resolved that the Treasurer of the Province for the Time being be directed & impowered to advance & pay to the Petitioner *John Kent* & Joseph Kellog of Suffield aforesaid Partner with the said *John Kent* in their undertaking, for the Uses & Ends afore said the Sum of One Thousand Pounds in Bills of publick Credit of this Province, they giving good Security that they will repay the Same into the Treasury within the Space of two years from the first Day of February next ensuing in the like Bills of publick Credit, or in Steel manufactured in this Province equal in Goodness to the German Steel & at as cheap Rates as German Steel is Sold for by the Merchant by the whole Sale, and upon their paying the afore said Thousand Pounds within the Space of two years as aforesaid in good Merchantable Steel manufactured as aforesaid, & at such rates & prices, that then the Treasurer for the time being be further directed to advance & pay to the said *John Kent* & Joseph Kellog or their Order the Sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds annually for & during the Term of five years next coming after the expiration of the two first years afore mentioned upon their giving Security to repay the same every year they shall take out the aforesaid Sum of Fifteen

Hundred Pounds at or before the Expiration of Such year, in manner as is before directed. Provided that after the two first years, commencing on the Day above, they the said John Kent & Joseph Kellog do continue & carry on the making of Steel & shall yearly during the aforesaid five years cause to be manufactured in this Province Steel of equal Goodness with German Steel to the Value of Three Thousand Pounds: But if it it so happen that the Quantity be not manufactured by them or their Under Workmen, that they shall not from thenceforward receive out of the publick Treasury any more advance Pay, The Steel by them manufactured to pass a Survey & approbation by meet persons under Oath to be appointed by this Court In Council -- Read & Non Concur'd.

January 13. 1727 In the House of Represent^ves Voted that a Conference be had on the subject matter in Difference between the two Houses on the respective Petitions of John Ruck & *John Kent*, and that Mr Cook, Mr Lewis, Mr Welles, Mr Shove, Mr Peabody Cpt Gardner & Mr Risby be a committee on the part of the House, to Confer with the Committee that shall be appointed by & on the Part of the Honble Board on the subject matter thereof. The Conference to be attended at three a Clock in the afternoon. In Council Read & Concur'd and Benjamin Lynde, Edmund Quincy, Spencer Phips, Meletiah Bourne, Charles Chambers & Theophilus Burril Esq^rs are appointed a committee of the Board for the said Conference

January 15. 1727. on the Petition of *John Kent* & the Order pass'd thereon as enter'd Jan 12. 1727 In Council a conference being had on this vote between Committees of each House, and the Committee for the Board making Report thereon. The Board Voted to reconsider their vote above & after a Debate thereon Voted an adherence to their said vote of non Concurrence and then a message was sent down to acquaint the House That if they thought proper to allow a Bounty to the Petitioners to encourage their respective manufactures. It would have its Consideration at the Board.

Jany 16. 1727 In the House of Represent^ves. The House taking into their Serious & deliberate Consideration the Honble Boards vote of adherence to the respective Petitions of *John Kent* & John Ruck together with the message accompanying can not but conclude that the method prescribed by the House will more effectually answer the Ends proposed & better enable the Projectors to pursue & accomplish their Designs without Charge to the Governm^t. But should the House Come in with the Board by giving a Bounty or Premium, the undertakers would not be well able to go on with & perfect what they proposed & are enjoined to do, to entitle them to a Reward; And altho' the Encouraging the Manufacturing the Produce of this Countrey may greatly tend to bring the Inhabitants out of Debt. Yet should a Bounty only be given for the bringing forward such manufactories. The Treasury will stand charged annually with Considerable Sums of money which will be a means rather of enhaunsing than lessening the Debts of the Province, by Vast Increase of the publick Debts & needless Burthen put on this People. The House therefore desire the Honble Board would reasume the Consideration of their Vote of adherence In Council: Read, and the Question was put Whether the Board will reasume the Consideration of their Votes of adherence afore Mentioned? and it pass'd in the negative.

JOHN[4] had children by his 1st wife:

I. MOSES,[5] b. Sept. 25, 1710.
II. MARY, b. Jan. 12, 1715–16.
III. JOHN,[5] b. Mch. 25, 1719–20.
IV. & V. twins { MARY, THANKFUL, } b. Dec. 28, 1722.
VI. CEPHAS,[5] b. Apl. 13, 1725.
VII. AARON, b. May 19, d. June 27, 1729.

Child by 2nd wife:

VIII. HANNAH, b. Aug. 11, d. Dec. 4, 1735.

DUDLEY,[1] son of John,[3] Sam'l,[2] mar. Aug. 20, 1723, *Ruth*, dau. of *Rev. Benj.* and *Mercy* (dau. Rev. John) *Woodbridge* of Hartford. Ruth b. Jan'y 29, 1703–4; d. Aug. 29, 1752. Dudley d. Oct. 27, 1766. *They had children:*

I. MARIA, b. June 1, 1724–5.
II. PAUL,[5] b. Sept. 15, 1727.
III. RUTH, b. Dec. 28, 1729; probably mar. Rev. Adonijah Bidwell of Tyringham, and d. Dec., 1815.
IV. DUDLEY,[5] b. Oct. 2, 1732.
V. OLIVER,[5] b. Nov. 23, 1734.
VI. CATHERINE, b. Nov. 15, 1736.
VII. DEBORAH, b. Apl. 23, 1739.
VIII. SIBBEL, b. June 11, 1741.
IX. LUCY, b. June 11, 1743.
X. JOHN,[5] b. Feb. 12, 1745–6.

SAMUEL,[4] son of John,[3] Sam'l,[2] mar. 1st, Feb. 28, 1721–2, *Abiah*, a twin, dau. of Nath'l and Mehitable (Partridge) *Dwight* of Northampton, b. Feb. 17, 1704; d. Feb. 23, 1748; 2d, *Widow Tamar Durby*, who d. July 18, 1756, aged 46, of Springfield; 3d, *Hannah, widow* of Thos. *Hooker* of Hartford. Sam'l d. Oct. 28, 1772, having had children by his 1st wife only. He was *Representative* to the Great and General Court or Assembly of Massachusetts from Suffield from 1742 to 1747. Serving on a committee to consider the petition of the heirs of Wm. Payne, Esq., Dec. 27, 1745. He was contemporary in May, 1762, with Lieut. Wm. King, Selectman, both representing Suffield in General Assembly.

To his Excellency William Shirley Esqr Capt General & Governour in Chief in & over his Majts. Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England & the Honble the Council and House of Representatives In General Court Assembled *May 1742*. The memorial of *Samuel Kent* of Suffield In behalf of himself & Joseph Leavit of s^d. Suffield Humbly Sheweth: That your memorialist together with the s^d Leavit in the year 1737 Bargained with the Honble Col^o Stoddard & others who were appointed a Com^tee By this Honble Court to build a meeting House & School House In the Indian Town on Houssatonnock River. Now y^r Petitioners would represent that In the s^d. Township there was no Saw Mill neither was there any possibility of getting any timber Sawed for s^d building nearer than about Six miles and from that place it was almost Impossible to convey any Timber by reason of a Large Mountain in the road which it was Impossible to avoid Thereupon the s^d. Col Stoddard agreed with your petitioner & partner that in Case we would build a Saw Mill in s^d. Indian Town In ord^r for Sawing timber for s^d. buildings that if any Loss Happened to us that we could not Sell it for so much as it cost us first Deducting a reasonable allowance for what timber we should saw

that then he would see we were Satisfied so much as our Damage should be
the building the s^d mill Cost 127.17.6
Allowed for sawing the timber . . . . . 30 — -

97.17.6
the mill sold for 50

47.17.6

Agreeable to this Acc^t. may it please y^r. Exc^ly & Hon^rs. there is Due from S^d. Col^o Stoddard to y^r mem^r & partner the sum of 47.17.6 and as the s^d Col^l Stoddard acked In behalf of the province & at his Instance we now represent to this Honble Court that there is that sum Justly Due to us. & pray that we may receive the same out of the Treasury and y^r Mem^o as in Duty bound Shall ever pray *Samll Kent.*

In the House of Rep^rs^es June 19. 1742 Read and Ordered that the Prayer of the Pet^n be granted and that the Pet^rs. be and hereby are allowed to receive the S^d Sum of forty Seven pounds Seventeen shillings and six pence old tenor or other Bills Equivalent thereto out of the Publick Treasury in full Satisfaction for the services herein mentioned Sent up for Concurrence T Cushing Sp^kr

In Council June 21 1742 Read & Concurred I Willard Secy
Consented to W Shirley

June 21. 1742 A Petition of *Samuel Kent* for himself & Joseph Levet both of Suffield Shewing that they were employed by John Stoddard Esqr. by direction of the Government to build a Meeting House and School House at the Indian Town at Housatanuck River. and being necessitated to build a Saw mill for that Work. Coll Stoddard agreed to reimburse them what they should lose in disposing of the Saw Mill after the work should be done: That they have accordingly in the Sale thereof cost the sum of £47.17.6 old Tenor praying that they may be reimbursed

In the House of Represent^ves Read and Ordered that the Prayer of the Petition be granted, and that the Petitioners be and hereby are allowed to receive the sum of Forty Seven Pounds Seventeen Shillings & Sixpence Old Tenor. or other Bills equivalent thereto. out of the publick Treasury. in full Satisfaction for the services herein Mentioned In Council Read and Concur'd Consented to W Shirley

SAMUEL[4] and wife ABIAH had children:

I. ELIJAH,[5] b. Jan. 6, 1722–3.

II. LUCY, b. Sept. 27, 1724:
mar. 1st, Ensign Jonathan (son of Lieut. Joseph and Rachel (Devotion) Kellogg, b. Nov. 8, 1691, Suffield) Jan. 13, 1741. He d. Aug., 1755. 2d, Timothy Mather.

III. ABIAH, b. Aug. 10, 1727; mar. June 20, 1755, John Leavitt of Suffield, and d. June 12, 1782. He d. Apl. 5, 1798, aged 74, leaving many children.

IV. PHILLIS, b. July 29, 1729:
mar. June 7, 1759, Martin Kellogg, who d. May 1, 1786. They had 7 chil.: Mary, Martin, Jonathan, Joseph, Rebecca, Arden, Sarah.

V. ANNA, b. Oct. 2, 1730; mar. Freegrace Adams.

VI. ELIHU,[5] b. June 1, 1733.

VII. MEHITABEL, b. Jan. 6, 1734–5.

ABNER,[4] son of John,[3] Samuel,[2] mar. Jan. 5, 1726–7, *Abigail Rowe* of Suffield, and had *one child:*

I. SETH,[3] b. Sept. 6, 1727.

The following Abner I have been unable to place, unless he is Abner,[1] who moved to Westford, Groton, and Harvard, Mass., and mar. secondly, *Elizabeth* . . . , by whom he had children:

I. APPHIA, b. 1731 at Westford; was mar. to Daniel Gilson of Groton Nov. 27, 1760, by Rev. Willard Hill.

II. ABIGAIL, b. 1733–4.

III. ABNER,[3] b. 1737.

IV. SARAH, b. 1739.

V. DEBORAH, b. 1742.

The first Town Meeting of Westford March the 2d 1729–30 Voted the day above sd to Joine with Capt Jonas Prescott, Ebenezer Prescott, Ebenezer Townsend, and *Abner Kent*, all of Grotton, in Petioning to the General Court in ordere to their being anext to Wesford Township

The act of incorporation of WESTFORD defines its boundries in general terms, but the area was enlarged in 1730 on petition of John Prescott, Ebenezer Prescott, *Abner Kent*, and Ebenezer Townsend, "inhabitants of Groton, whose estates were, in September of that year, annexed to Westford."

Province of the Massachusetts Bay In the House of Representatives *Sept 10th 1730* A Petition of Jonas Prescott Ebenezer Prescott *Abner Kent* and Ebenezer Townsend. Inhabitants of the Town of Groton, Praying that they and their Estates contained in the following Boundaries. Viz, Beginning at the North West Corner of Stoney Brook Pond, from thence extending to the North West Corner of Westford, commonly called Tyng's Corner & bounded Southerly by said Pond, may be sett off to the Town of Westford for their greater convenience in attending the publick Worship, Read & ordered with the Petition within named with their Estates, according to the bounds recited, be and hereby are to all intents and purposes Sett off from the Town of Groton and annexed to the Town of Westford. True Extract from the Records of the Genl Court. —

Attest — John Avery D. Sect

Septemr 10. 1730 A *Petition* of Jonas Prescot, Ebenezer Prescot, *Abner Kent* & Ebenezer Townsend Inhabitants of the Town of Groton Praying that they & their Estates contained in the following Boundaries Viz: Beginning at the North west Corner of Stony Brook Pond, from thence extending to the north west Corner of Westford Commonly called *Tyngs Corner* & So bounded Southerly by said Pond may be set off to the Town of Westford for their greater Convenience in attending the publick Worship In the House of Represent^ves Read & Ordered that the Petition^rs within named with their Estates according to the Bounds before recited be & hereby are to all Intents & Purposes Sett off from the Town of Groton & annexed to the Town of Westford. In council Read & Concur'd. Consented to J Belcher.

"The coming of the first bell ever brought to the town of Westford was an event of some significance to the people, &c The records show the sums paid for work and materials: *Abner Kent* (furnished) 'an iron plate for the axeltree' The bell was bought in the autumn of 1763, but probably it was not put in position until some time in the spring of 1764"

ELISHA,[1] son of John,[3] Sam'l,[2] grad. from Yale College 1729; mar. 1st, Apl. 3, 1732, *Abigail*, dau. of Rev. Joseph *Moss* of Derby, Conn., whose wife was dau. of Rev. M.[5] Russell, a ~~graduate~~ fellow of Yale 1702.. She d. in Jan., 1751; he mar. 2d *a sister* of *Gov. Thomas Fitch* of Norwalk, Conn., who with

seven children survived him. He was elected *minister of Newtown*, Conn., at a town meeting held June 30, 1732. On page 37, of vol. 2 of the town journal, is a record that he be paid, 1st, a deed of the lands held by his predecessor, Mr. Beach; 2d, £110 per year, provided he holds to his faith; and if he does not, to pay over to the church £400 lawful money. Elisha Kent d. July 17, 1776, at Philippi, N.Y., he having moved in 1740 to Dansbury, the northern part of the town of Southeast in Dutchess, now Putnam County, N.Y., where he established the 1st Presbyterian church, over which he was pastor until he died.

REV. ELISHA and ABIGAIL MOSS KENT had children:

I. MOSS,[5] b. Mch. 25, 1733.

II. ELISHA,[5] b. Oct. 30, 1734.

III. ABIGAIL, b. July 6, 1736. m 1st Abel John Botsford of Newtown

IV. SYBIL, b. July 9, 1738; mar. *John Kane*, who emigrated from Ireland 1756; and from them are descended *Elisha Kent Kane*, the *Arctic explorer*; BRIG.-GEN'L THOS. LEIPER KANE; *U.S. Senator Elias Kent Kane*; JUDGE JOHN KINTZING KANE, and others of note. 2nd Capt Simeon Ray of Bedford the ancestor

V. LUCY, b. . . . ; mar. about 1768 Charles Cullen, probably an ancestor of Judge Cullen.

VI. MARY, b. Dec. 10, 1744; mar. Malcolm Morrison, an English officer.

VII. SARAH, b. . . . ; mar. Maj. Alexander Grant, an officer in the 42d regiment of the British army.

JOSEPH,[4] son of John,[3] Sam'l,[2] mar. 1st, Feb. 26, 1728, *Hannah*, dau. of Sam'l *Gillet* of Suffield, Conn. She d. Nov. 2, 1746, aged 37. He mar. 2d, Mch. 7, 1748, *Elizabeth*, dau. of Timothy, 2d, and Abigail (Allen) *Palmer* of Suffield. She was b. Aug. 14, 1713.

JOSEPH[4] and HANNAH GILLET KENT had children:

I. ABIGAIL, b. May 10, 1730.

II. CHLOE, b. Feb. 7, 1732;
mar. Dec. 11, 1751, Ebenezer King of Suffield, b. Feb. 22, 1728; d. Apl. 10, 1810. She d. Oct. 11, 1772, and he mar. a second time.

III. JOSEPH,[5] b. Mch. 14, 1734.

IV. HANNAH, b. Sept. 4, 1736, prob. the same who mar., abt. 1757, Ephraim Gleason.

V. SETH,[5] bapt. Mch. 19, 1738, prob. the same who on Jany. 11, 1757, presented a petition for redress of grievances as a householder of West Hoosick, Mass., to the Legislature at Boston.

VI. EXPERIENCE, bapt. Mch. 9, 1741.

NOAH[4] of Suffield, son of John,[3] Sam'l,[2] mar. Oct. 3, 1734, *Deliverance*, dau. of Sam'l *Granger* of Suffield. She was b. Aug. 8, 1713; d. May 25, 1755, aged 41. "Noah" had one child die at Northampton, Mass., Feb. 12, 1779.

They had children:

I. PHEBE, b. Nov. 12, 1735.
II. NOAH,[5] b. Aug. 27, 1737.
III. GIDEON,[5] b. July 26, 1739.
IV. ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 3, 1745.
(One Elizabeth Kent, dau. of Mr. Kent of Suffield and wife Elizabeth Spencer, and prob. niece of Rev. Elisha Kent, mar. Dea. Ebenezer Moss of Vermont.)
V. DAN, b. Dec. 3, 1747; d. Sept. 20, 1750.
VI. DEBORAH, b. Sept. 20, 1748.
VII. MARY, b. Nov. 14, 1750. (One Mary ent. int. of mar. at W. Springfield Oct. 13, 1781, to Nath'l Eaton.)
VIII. NATHANIEL,[5] b. Nov. 22, 1751.
IX. ABEL,[5] b. Sept. 20, 1753.
X. DELIVERANCE, b. Dec. 1, 1755.

Jany 1. 1739 A Petition of the Inhabitants of the West Part of the *Town of Suffield* shewing that whereas this Court were pleased upon their former Petition to be sett of a distinct Precinct to recommend it to the Petitioners and the other part of the Town, to gree in the matter among themselves, that they have accordingly Submitted the matter to indifferent persons, who have reported their opinion that the Petitioners Should be set off by Certain Bounds in their report mentioned as a separate Precinct &c In the House of Represent^ves Read and ordered that the Prayer of the Petition be so far granted as that the Westerly part of the said Town of Suffield be and hereby is set off as a separate and distinct Precinct by the Bounds and Limits hereafter described Viz: Beginning at the South West Corner of Thomas Shelden's Home Lot about three quarters of a mile Westerly of the Meeting House, and from the said Corner of the said Home Lot, the line to run Southerly by a Strait Course to the Westerly Side of the now Dwelling house of Thomas Spencer, standing near the Highway leading from the Town to Tainters Hill, so called, and from the said Westerly side of the said Spencer's house the same Course to the Colony Line, and from the Said Corner of Said Sheldons lot, to run sometimes Northerly and sometimes Westerly in the Highway leading from thence as the Highway runs to James Barlows. *Joseph Kents* and *Noah Kents* and Joseph Hastings and So on in the Highway till it meets the High Way leading from Joseph Pemroys &c &. Saving that all the persons hereafter named, together with all their lands and estate lying and being within the Bounds before mentioned, be and remain to the other part of the said Town and not to be Subjected to any Taxes within the said Precinct, namely — *Joseph Kent Noah Kent* . . . and so to remain until they or any of them shall desire to be admitted by the Said Westerly Precinct and no longer unless this Court shall otherwise order &c &c

JACOB,[5] son of John,[4] Josiah,[3] mar. 1st, at Newbury, Mass., Dec. 26, 1752, *Abigail* (b. June 20, 1722), dau. of Joseph (b. Feb. 13, 1683; d. Apl. 4, 1755) and Abigail (Webster) *Bailey* (b. Mch. 3, 1683–4; d. Feb. 5, 1787). She d. July 4,

1756. He mar. 2d, at Plaistow, N.H., June 16, 1762, *Mary* (b. Aug. 14, 1736; d. June 17, 1834, aged 98), dau. Nicholas (b. Dec. 43, 1698; d. Oct. 7, 1782) and Mary (Calef) *White*. He moved from Cape Ann to *Plaistow*, where he was published, Nov. 30, 1751, *Highway Surveyor* in 1756, and was *schoolmaster* 1758–60. He was a *Lieut.* in *Goffe's Regiment* of foot, raised in Province of New Hampshire for conquest of Canada, 1760. Returning from that expedition, he became with other comrades interested in Cohas Valley and meadows, and was one of the founders of the towns of Newbury and Haverhill in N.H. grants. From 1762 to 1886 the family homestead was in Newbury, Vt., when it was transferred to Lancaster, N.H., the home of Richd. Peabody Kent in 1825.

Jany 29. 1759 A Petition of *Jacob Kent* of *Plaistow* in the Province of New Hampshire, *Yeoman*, administrator of the Estate and Guardian of all the Children of Jonathan Page late of Plaistow aforesaid, Joiner, deceased, Praying that he may be impowered to sell the Estate laying in Haverhill in the County of Essex.

He died at Newbury, Vt., Dec. 13, 1812.

Noah White settled with his family in Newberry, Vt., in 1763; and *Col Jacob Kent* Nov. 4, 1763. *Col. Kent* was born in Chebacco, Mass., June 11, 1726; Mary, his wife, in Plaistow, N.H., Aug. 14, 1736. *Mrs. Kent*, when nearly 90, used to relate that when the Colonel was gone to meeting, one Sunday, *three bears* came and looked in at the door upon her.

Newbury May 31st 1782 At a Legal Meeting of Sd. Town on Said Day being a full Meeting . . . . *Jacob Kent* Town Clerk.

In a list of original grantees of the Town of Newbury by deed from Benning Wentworth, dated March 18, 1763, *Jacob Kent*. Town Clerks, June 12, 1764, Col. Jacob Kent. First Justices, Col. Jacob Kent.

Col. Jacob and Abigail Bailey Kent had child:

I. Abigail, b. July 26, 1754;
mar. Thomas, son of Thomas and Mary Bond Little of *Atkinson, N.H.* She d. Mch. 28, 1845.

Col. Jacob and Mary White Kent had children:

II. Jacob,[6] b. Oct. 17, 1764.

III. Mary, b. Jan. 13, 1766;
mar. Dec. 28, 1789, Dr. Arad, son of Josiah Stebbens of Bradford, Vt.; and d. Oct. 29, 1835. He was b. 1759, and d. Apl. 30, 1828.

IV. Elizabeth, b. Oct. 21, 1767;
mar. Jacob Dunbar of Littleton, N.H., where she has descendants living; she d. July 6, 1823.

V. John,[6] b. Mch. 14, 1772.

VI. Joseph,[6] b. Dec. 29, 1773.

JOSIAH,[5] son of John,[4] Josiah,[3] is probably the same Josiah referred to below:

A Muster Role of Capt John Goffe And forty-four Men Scouting from the 24th of Aprill 1746 to the 19 day May following *Josiah Kent* — day of Entering 25 Ap Days of Discharge 20 May — Days in Service 25. whole wages 1 : 6 : 9¼

Louisbourg Soldiers. Ninth Massachusetts Regiment, Col. Joseph Dwight, 6th Company, Capt. Isaac Colton, *Josiah Kent*. 5th Company, Capt. Caleb Johnson, *Josiah Kent*.

One *Josiah Kent* appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Silas Fowler's Co., Col. John Mosley's *Hampshire Co. Regt.* Time of enlistment Oct. 21, 1776. Time of discharge Nov. 17. 1776. Time of service, 28 days. Marched to reinforce the Northern Army under Lt. Col. Timothy Robinson. Roll dated at *Southwick*.

Josiah Kent appears with grade of . . . on A Return of Capt. Kellogg's Co., Col. John Moseley's Regt., in service marching to Horse Neck. Drafted from *Southwick* and Hampshire Co. militia, but did not join the Regt.

JOSEPH,[5] son of John,[4] Josiah,[3] was without doubt the following

Joseph Kent who in the Revolutionary Records appears in a Return of men enlisted into the Continental Army from 3d Beverly Co. of Essex Co. Regt., dated Beverly, Feb 1., 1778. *He belonged to Beverly*, enlisted for Beverly for term of three years. Joined Capt. . . . Co., Col. Greaton's Regt.

Joseph Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Nathaniel Ide's Co. (under command of Capt. Samuel Fisher), in Col. Carpenter's Regt., for service at Rhode Island on the alarm of . . . Time of enlistment Aug. 13, 1779. Time of discharge Sept. 12, 1779. Time of service, 1 mo.

Joseph Kent appears in A List of Men Enlisted into the Continental Army from the County of Essex. *He belonged to Beverly* and enlisted for Beverly.

JAMES,[5] son of John,[4] Josiah,[3] I have not been able to locate unless the following relates to him. In the Revolutionary Records, naval service:

James Kent appears with grade of *Seaman* on Muster and Pay Roll of the Officers and Crew of the Sloop "*Machias Liberty*," commanded by Jeremiah O'Brien. Time of enlistment Feb'y 1, 1776. Time of discharge Oct. 19, 1776. Time of service 8 months 14 days.

James Kent appears with rank of *Seaman* upon a List of Prisoners sent to Portsmouth, N.H., from New York to be exchanged.

JOHN,[5] son of John,[4] Josiah,[3] appears to be of Haverhill in 1741, or probably later. Certain it is that one John who had a brother Jeremiah was in Haverhill at that time, and later served in the French and Indian war.

A List of Polls and Rateable Estate Real & Personal for the Town of *Haverhill* in the *County of Essex*. Taken in the year 1741 *John Kent*

From Aron Shelsons account Victuling Soldiers on their return home 1757 *John Kent* in Col Joseph Williams Regt Capt Parkers Compy 1 meal 0.0.6

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Names	Company	Regmt	Meals	
John Kent	Capt Parkers	Col Joseph Williams	1	0.0.6
Joseph Bridger	Capt Calt Willard	Colo Prebbles	1	0.0.6
David Thomas	" Pratts	Colo Doty	1	0.0.6
Nathan Thomas	do	do	1	0.0.6

The following is from Muster Roll of a company of foot under the command of Capt. Jeremiah Richards, raised by the Province for the reduction of Canada, Joseph Williams Colonel, 1758: *John Kent, Private of Haverhill.* Travel 24 miles, entered service May 23. Disc. Nov. 1. Served until Nov. 24. Time of service 6m. 18 days. Wages £11.19.2, for arms not returned £2.19.0.

Later he may have moved to Newcastle, N.H., or Salisbury, and have been the same John who took part in the Revolution as follows:

John Kent appears in A Return of Men enlisted into the *Continental Army* from Capt. Benjamin Evans' Co., Col. . . . Regt., dated Essex Co., Feb. 13, 1778. *He belonged to New Castle*, enlisted for *Salisbury*. Term of enlistment 3 years. Joined Capt. Davis' Co., Col. Wigglesworth's Regt.

John Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster Roll of Capt. Israel Davis' Co., Col. Edw. Wigglesworth's Regt., for May, 1778, dated *Camp at Valley Forge* June 2, 1778, enlisted for three years (date not given). *Reported sick at Reading.*

N. B. Shurtleff in his description of Boston writes: "The Marquis of Chastellux, a Major-General under the Count de Rochambean, during the years 1780–1782 wrote the journal of his travels in the United States while the French army was assisting the American Colonies in their war of independence, etc. In 1787 a translation of the whole work by *Mr. John Kent*, at one time a resident of Salem, was published in Dublin," etc.

JEREMIAH,[5] son of John,[4] Josiah,[3] appears to have been a resident of Haverhill, and a soldier in the French war.

Roll of Capt. John Hazzen of Haverhill, for the Reduction of Ticonderoga and Crown Point, 1757: *Jeremiah Kent* (of Haverhill).

JOB,[5] son of John,[4] Josiah,[3] mar. *Alice* . . . , who was b. May 29, 1746. He resided in Hampstead, N.H. THEY HAD CHIL.:

I. JOSEPH,[6] b. Jany. 28, 1766.
II. THOMAS,[6] b. Aug. 17, 1767.
III. MARY, b. June 15, 1769.
IV. JAMES,[6] b. Feb. 1, 1772.
V. ELIZABETH, b. Jany. 23, 1775.
VI. JOB,[6] b. June 17, 1778.
VII. ALICE, b. Mch. 23, 1781.
VIII. JONATHAN,[6] b. June 4, 1783.
IX. SARAH, b. May 22, 1786.
X. LYDIA, b. May 13, 1790.

DANIEL,[5] son of Daniel,[4] mar. Oct. 27, 1756, *Sarah Bedortha* of Springfield. The latest record mentioning him is by a mortgage, given by him and by *Ezekiel Kent*, of 50 acres in Agawam Parish, W. Springfield, where they resided. On June 23, 1801, *Sarah Kent*, and *Ezekiel*, and *Keziah*, presumably his widow and sons, conveyed a farm of 60 acres in W. Springfield. (Luther Bedurtha of W. Springfield and Tirzah Kent of Suffield pub. intention of mar. Feb. 8, 1795.)

DANIEL and SARAH BEDORTHA KENT had children:

I. ZENAS,[6] b. May 28, 1757.
II. SARAH, b. July 1, 1758. (One *Mrs. Sarah Kent* d. at Longmeadow, Mass., Jany. 23, 1858, aged 90.)
III. JUSTUS,[6] b. Aug. 10, 1759.
IV. EZEKIEL,[6] b. Mch. 10, 1761.
V. OBEDIENCE, b. Nov. 14, 1763.
VI. REZINA, b. May 24, 1766.

During *Shay's Rebellion Daniel Kent* and *Ezekiel Kent* appear Subscribed to an Oath of allegiance before S. Mather Jr Peace Janr 28th 1787.

The following is a more particular & correct List of the Several Persons heretofore named, with their Places of abode, additions &c the greater number of them were admitted to take the oath of allegiance & Subscribed the same, at the Direction of the Commanding Officer at Springfield, before the Disqualification Act was passed by the General Court in Feby last: *Danl Kent* Wt Springfield Labourer *Ezekiel Kent* Wt Springfield Yeoman

JOEL,[5] son of Daniel,[4] was probably in the French war, as by the following:

A List of the Men posted at *Fort Pelham* under the command of Samll Childs: *Joel Kent* entered Service May 19, 1747, when Inlisted for Other Forts — Massachusetts May 6, 1748

A Muster Roll of the Company in His Majesty's Service under the command of John Stoddard, Esq., Captain: *Joel Kent*, rank *Centl*, entered Service Dec. 11. Served until March 9, 1748. Time of service 12 weeks 6 days.

SIMEON,[5] son of Daniel,[4] is probably the same

Simeon Kent who in the Revolutionary Records appears signed to A Receipt for *Bounty* paid him by Lieut. Aaron Barker, Class No. 5, for the town of *Westford*, to serve in the *Continental Army* for the term of 3 years, dated Boston, May 30, 1782.

CHARLES,[5] son of Daniel,[4] is probably the same who appears in the Revolutionary Records.

Charles Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Nathan Rowley's Co., Col. . . . Regt. Time of enlistment Dec. 25, 1776. Time of discharge April 3, 1777. Time of service 3 months 9 days. Service at *Ticonderoga*. Detachment of *Hampshire Co. Regiment* under Lt.-Col. Timothy Robinson.

Charles Kent appears with rank of Private on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. John Carpenter's Co., Col. . . . Regt. Time of enlistment Oct. 16, 1779. Time of discharge Jan. 16, 1780. Time of service 3 months. Service as Guards at *Springfield*.

CEPHAS,[5] son of John,[4] John,[3] Samuel,[2] mar. *Hannah Spencer* May 20, 1747, who d. Nov. 5, 1821, in her 95th year. He moved from Suffield, Conn., to Dorset, Vt., in 1773, where he kept an *Inn*, and was the first *selectman*, and on *the Commit-*

tee of Safety. The town was organized in 1774, while the territory which is now occupied by the State was claimed by both New York and New Hampshire. He was Dorset's *first representative* in the *State Legislature*, 1778. Fifty-one delegates, representing thirty-five towns, held a general convention at his house Sept. 25, 1776, for the formation of an independent State, which was consummated Jan. 15, 1777. Deacon Cephas Kent d. Dec. 5, 1809, aged 85.

CEPHAS and HANNAH SPENCER KENT had children:

I. MARY, b. May 2, 1748; d. young.
II. JOHN,[6] b. Oct. 31, 1749.
III. HANNAH, b. Dec. 12, 1751.
IV. CEPHAS,[6] b. Apl. 2, 1754.
V. MOSES,[6] b. Apl. 2, 1756.
VI. DANIEL,[6] b. Apl. 10, 1758.
VII. MARY, b. Mch. 1, 1760.
VIII. ALEXANDER,[6] b. Feby. 4, 1762.
IX. DEBORAH, b. Oct. 22, 1766.
X. MARTIN,[6] b. Dec. 5, 1769.

DUDLEY,[5] son of Dudley,[4] may have been the Dudley referred to in the following:

April 16. 1748. In the House of Represent^ves. Voted that there be allowed & paid out of the publick Treasury to the several Persons hereafter named for billeting the Canada Soldiers between the last of Febry & the 20th of October last vizt: *To Capt Kent* One hundred & forty four weeks five days at six Shillings & three pence pr Week — Fifty five Pounds four Shillings & five pence DUDLEY KENT Five Weeks & one day at Ditto, one pound twelve Shillings & one penny *Benjamin Kent* — Twenty five Weeks Six days at Ditto Eight Pounds one shilling & nine pence. And also that there be allowed for travelling Expences of Said Canada Soldiers within the Term aforesaid Viz^t To *Capt Samuel Kent* as p his accompt Eleven Pounds one shilling half penny In council Read & concur'd Consented to by the Governour

Court Records, Feb. 19, 1763: On a Petition of Nathl. Hooker and John Townley and Isaac Sheldon of Hartford, Conn., for themselves and fifty-seven others, known among themselves by the name of the Proprietors of Greenock, "Setting forth that they purchased as they then lawfully might a Township of Land under an Indian Chief, beginning on the East Side of Housatonnac River in the South lane of Pittsfield," appear the names *John Thomas, Dudley Kent.*

JOHN,[5] son of Dudley,[4] probably moved to Southwick, Mass., as the following would indicate:

SOUTHWICK APL 20. 1775. A Muster Roll of the Minet Company of Southwick, Commanded by Capt Silas Fowler, whose names are hereunto Subscribed, who were all able, effective men; and were all *marched on the 21st day of Apl 1775, for Roxbury, and arrived att Roxbury the 29th day of April* aforesaid, and joined the Regt. commanded by Col. Danielson and Col. Wm Shepherd his Let., and Borded and Beeded and Vittled our selves During the march, which is one hundred and ten miles from our own Coast.

ENSIGN, *John Kent* et al.

The first committee of correspondence mentioned in the records was *appointed* in *January, 1776*, and was composed of Noah Loomis, Silas Fowler, Wm. Moor, *John Kent*, Deacon Morton, Solomon Stephens, and Ephraim Griffin. The records set forth that about this time [1778] *John Kent* was chosen "Vendew" master "to Sel the Stel Sent to the town from ye Bord of War."

John Kent was Selectman in 1778, 1782, 1783, 1784, 1785.

In 1805 the Baptists living in Southwick, who had been attending church in Suffield, Conn., determined to have preaching at home, and accordingly organized a Society whose original members were *Mehitabel* and *Deborah Kent*, *Elizabeth Kent*, et al.

West Springfield. Delegates to Constitutional Conventions, 1787: *James Kent*.

First Baptist Church. *J. H. Kent* served this church as pastor from May 1, 1864, to March, 1866.

Southwick. The settlement of Southwick proper did not begin until 1706, when it was incorporated as a district. Previous to that year it was a portion of *Westfield*. Among the early settlers were *John Kent*. . . . From the town records, under date October, 1781, it is learned that the settlers in Southwick at that time included *Josiah Kent*, *Ezra Kent*, *John Kent*.

The only public graveyard of the town of Southwick is found about one mile south of Southwick Village. Among those of the early settlers whose graves are in this city of the dead, *Ezra Kent, 1811, aged 86; Elizabeth* his wife, 1803, *aged 72*.

ELIJAH,[5] son of Samuel,[4] and a farmer, mar. 1st, Feb. 27, 1745–6, *Rachel*, dau. of Lt. Joseph (*the Indian Interpreter*) and Rachel (Devotion) *Kellogg*, b. July 14, 1724; she d. July 17, 1747. He mar. 2d, Oct. 26, 1748, *Jemima*, dau. of Martin, Jr. (of Newington, Ct.), and wife Dorothy (dau. of Stephen Chester of Wethersfield, Ct.) *Kellogg*, b. Aug. 24, 1723. He d. Mch. 17, 1768, aged 46. She d. Nov. 26, 1791, aged 68. His two wives were first cousins to each other, and his first wife was sister to his bro. Elihu's wife and his sister Lucy's husband.

Belchertown and Granby Muster-roll of the Company that marched on the 20th of April under the Comand of Capt John Cowles, in Col Woodbridge's Regt. *Elijah Kent Sergeant*.

Province of the Massachusetts Bay. *To His Excellency Thomas Pownall Esq. Capt General and Commander in Chief in and over his Majesties Province of the Massachusetts bay in New England and to The Honrble his majesties Council And House of Representatives* In General Court Assembled At Boston: The petition of Thomas Pier and John Tuller of Shefeld in the *County of hampshire* with Sixty Six others hereto Subscribing Humbly Sheweth That some of your petitioners have No Land at all by wich means they are put to grat Difficulty to obtain A livelyhood many others of your Petitioners have Seueral Sons and no Settlements for them Your petitioners having made a view and been at Considerable Cost to Survey a tract of Land yet unappropriated By the Gouernment lying in the County of Hampshire And one the East Side of Housantonnock River Extending From said Riuer East to the west line of a Township Called No 4 Containing Land possiably Sufficient for the Cultivation of Sixty eight families Tho very much Broken and mountainous yet your petitioners apprehend vpon a thorow view that they haue made that one half of the sd. Tract may be improued Your petitioners Being Desireous of making Settlements on Said Tract of Land And as it is Claimed by A number of Indians and your Petitioners not

being Willing to Raise Jealousies in their minds haue conversed with them and obteind the S^d Indians Consent that said Tract may be settled by your petitioners — Is that it would please your Excellency and Honr^s. To grant to your petitioner^s. the above described tract of Land Containing the quantity of Six miles one way and Seuen the other on such Conditions as your Excellency and Honr^s. In your great wisdom and Goodness shall think fit And your Petitioners Shall in Duty bound Euer pray

SHEFELD Nou^br. 4th 1758 ELIJAH KENT and 67 other names

In Lexington Alarms of the Revolution *Elijah Kent* appears with rank of *Sergeant*, on *Lexington Alarm* Roll of Capt. John Cowls Co., Col. Woodbridge's Regt., which marched (April 20) on the *alarm of April 19th, 1775*, from Granby to . . . . *He belonged to Granby*. Length of service, 9 days.

Elijah Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Phinehas Smith's Co., Col. Ruggles Woodbridge's Regt. Time of enlistment Aug. 17, 1777. Time of discharge Aug. 21, 1777. Time of service 4 days. Marched on *alarm at Bennington*.

Elijah Kent appears with rank of Private on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Enoch Chapin's Co., Col. Elisha Porter's Regt. Time of enlistment Sept. 23, 1777. Time of discharge Oct. 15, 1777. Time service 29 days. *Served in Northern Dept.*

Elijah Kent appears among A List of Officers of the Mass. Militia, chosen by Col. Elisha Porter and 8th Co. as 2d Lt. in 8th Co. of Col. Elisha Porter's Regt., dated Nov. 5, 1777. Allowed in Council, Nov. 21, 1777.

Elijah Kent appears among A List of Officers of the Mass. Militia as *2d Lieutenant* of the 8th Co. of the 4th Hampshire Co. Regt. Commissioned Nov. 25, 1777.

Elijah Kent appears with rank of *Lieut.* on Pay Roll of Capt. Abner Pomeroy's Co., Col. Ezra Wood's Regt. Time of service 1 m. 21 days. (Dates not given.) Service performed for part of May and month of June, 1778.

Elijah Kent appears with rank of *Lieut.* on Pay Roll of Capt. Abner Pomeroy's Co., Col. Ezra Wood's Regt. (no date), for Service from Aug. 1, 1778, to Sept. 1, 1778. Time of service 1 month.

Elijah Kent appears with rank of *Lieut.* on Pay Roll of Capt. Abner Pomeroy's Co., Col. Ezra Wood's Regt. Time of service 19 days. (Dates not given.) Service performed during month of Sept., 1778.

Elijah Kent appears among A List of Officers of the Mass. Militia as *1st Lieutenant* in the 8th Co. of the 4th Hampshire Co. Regt., commanded by Col. Potter. Commissioned June 29, 1780.

Elijah Kent appears with rank of *Adjutant* on Muster and Pay Roll *of the Field and Staff officers* of the Mass. Regt., Col. Seth Murray's, raised for 3 months. Engaged July 4, 1780. Discharged Oct. 10, 1780. Time of service 2 months 28 days. Residence not given. Dated Boston. Raised *to reënforce the Continental Army* for 3 mos.

Elizah Kent appears with rank of *Lieutenant* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Abner Pomeroy's Co., Col. Ezra Wood's Regt. Time of service 3 mo. 15 days. Dates not given. Marched to New York State.

Elijah Kent appears among A List of Men in Capt. Nathaniel Carpenter's Co., and Col. Thomas Carpenters' Regt., at Obdik (Updike) *New Town*, for one month.

LIEUT. ELIJAH and RACHEL KELLOGG KENT had chil.:

I. ELIJAH,[6] b. July 3, 1747.

LIEUT. ELIJAH and JEMIMA KELLOGG KENT had chil.:

II. RACHEL, b. July 26, 1750.

III. AUGUSTUS,[6] b. May 28, 1754, later of W. Springfield;

mar. Mary . . . , and had children: 1. Sophia, b. Aug. 15, 1788. 2. Elizabeth Griswold, b. Oct. 11, 1793.

IV. SARAH, b. May 9, 1756, probably the same who mar. Benj. Ball of W. Springfield, Apl. 24, 1783.

V. SAMUEL,[6] b. Apl. 4, 1760. One *Dinah Kent* was mar. at W. Springfield Mch. 13, 1796.

Wilmington, p. 7, vol. V., says: The town was chartered by Governor Wentworth of New Hampshire April *29, 1751*. Among the grantees are *Samuel Kent, Jr., Joel Kent, Benjamin Kent*, ELIHUE KENT, *Silas Kent, Joseph Kent*, ELIJAH KENT.

ELIHU,[5] son of Samuel,[4] John,[3] a *farmer* of *Suffield*, mar. 1st, Feb. 10, 1757, *Rebecca* (b. at Ft. Dummer, Vt., Apl. 8, 1729), dau. of Lt. Joseph and Rachel (Devotion) *Kellogg;* she d. Aug. 27, 1761. He mar. 2d, Nov. 9, 1763, *Susannah* (b. July 28, 1737), dau. of Dea. Aaron *Lyman* of Belchertown, Mass., and his wife Eunice, dau. of Rev. Josiah Dwight of Woodstock, Ct. She d. Feb. 1, 1770; and he mar. 3d, Feb. 2, 1774, *Sibyl* (b. Oct. 4, 1744), dau. of Col. Simeon *Dwight* of Enfield, Ct., or western Mass., and his wife Sibyl, who was dau. of Capt. Sam'l Dwight. He d. Feb. 12, 1814, aged 80. His widow d. July 9, 1822, aged 76. He held various *official* positions under the State.

The Boston alarm of September, 1774, had set over forty thousand soldiers all through New England on the march for the day as promptly as might have been the case in our days of telegraph. But even more marvellous was the speed with which the news of the *battle of Lexington* the next year got to the Connecticut river. *The British soldiers left Boston before daybreak on the 19th of April, 1775, and on the 20th* CAPT. ELIHU KENT, *within an hour's notice, was at the head of a Suffield company of fifty-nine men* and a provision wagon rushing for Springfield, where they took supper and pressed on at once.

MAJOR ELIHU and REBECCA KELLOGG KENT had children:

I. ELIHU,[6] b. Dec. 15, 1757.

II. JONATHAN KELLOGG,[6] b. Sept. 24, 1759.

III. MARTIN,[6] b. July 12, 1761.

MAJOR ELIHU and SUSANNAH LYMAN KENT had children:

IV. REBECCA, b. Dec. 15, 1764; mar. Calvin Austin of Warren, O., but b. in Suffield, Ct., 1753. She d. Jan. 9, 1800.

V. GAMALIEL,[6] b. Aug. 9, 1766.

VI. SUSANNAH, b. Sept. 20, 1768;

mar. May 5, 1789, Hon. Hezekiah Huntington, b. Dec. 30, 1759, of Hartford and Suffield, Ct., son of John and Mehitable (Steele) Huntington of Tolland, Ct., and bro. to Deborah Huntington. He was a lawyer in Suffield 1790 to 1813, and at Hartford 1813 to

1842. Representative 1802 to 1805. Dist. Attorney 23 yrs., and d. at Middletown, Ct., May 27, 1842. She d. Dec. 31, 1839.

MAJOR ELIHU and SIBYL DWIGHT KENT had child:

VII. SIBYL, b. 1779.

Perez, the eldest son of Jonathan Graves of Belchertown, went into the French war in 1758. He made his will in May that year, went immediately into the service, and died in the army in September or October of the same year. His will was proved in October, by which he gave . . . ; he also gave a handsome suit of clothes to *Miss Susanna Lyman* (his betrothed, as was supposed), the daughter of Deacon Aaron Lyman, and who afterwards married *Capt. Elihu Kent.*

MOSS,[5] son of Elisha,[4] John,[3] Sam'l,[2] Thos.,[1] mar. in 1760 *Hannah* (b. June 7, 1735), dau. of Dr. Uriah and Hannah (Lockwood) *Rogers* of Norwalk, Ct. He *grad. Yale College* 1752; admitted to the bar, Dutchess County, N.Y., June, 1755, where he practised law in Fredericksburgh until the war broke out, when he moved to *Green's Farm*, near Fairfield, *Ct.* Here he suffered greatly by the *ravages of the British troops.* Some time after the war he moved to *Half Moon Point*, now Lansingburg, *N. Y.*, where he held the offices of *Surrogate*, Justice of the Peace, and *Asst. Justice.* His wife d. Dec. 30, 1770. He d. in his son's house, New York City, at 5 A.M., Feb. 4, 1794, aged 61.

MOSS and HANNAH ROGERS KENT had children:

I. JAMES,[6] b. July 31, 1763, at Fredericksburgh, N.Y., afterward known as *Chancellor Kent.*

II. MOSS,[6] b. 1766. Was successively *1st Judge of the County of Jefferson*, *Member of U.S. Congress* four years, and *Register* of the *Court of Chancery.* About 1795 he was for several years a resident of Cooperstown, N.Y. He was never mar., and d. May, 1838.

III. HANNAH, b. . . . , 1768;
mar. William Pitt Platt of Plattsburg, N.Y., and d. 1846, aged 78. They had a dau. Elizabeth, who mar. Henry Ketchum Averill, whose son Henry K. Averill, Jr., a civil engineer, is in 1897 a resident of Plattsburg, N.Y.

ELISHA,[5] son of Elisha,[4] John,[3] mar. *Anna* . . . in 1759. She was b. May 18, 1737, and d. Aug. 8, 1810. He d. Mch. 19, 1811. In 1772 or 3 he moved to Royalton, White River, Vt., then called Co-op. County.

ELISHA and ANNA KENT had children:

I. JOHN,[6] b. July 6, 1761, at Windsor, Vt.

II. ELISHA,[6] b. Aug. 5, 1762, Royalton, Vt.

III. JOSEPH MOSS,[6] b. . . . , 1774.

IV. ABNER,[6] b. . . . , 1781.

V. CHARLES,[6] b. . . .
VI. SAMUEL,[6] b. . . .
VII. LYDIA, b. . . . , mar. Benjamin Still of Theresia, N.Y.
VIII. POLLY, b. . . . , lived and d. in Royalton.

ABNER,[5] son of Abner,[4] mar. Nov. 29, 1764, *Dorcas Hildreth* of Westford, Mass.; and d. Apl. 2, 1814, aged 77; his widow d. Meh. 27, 1817. He was a Revolutionary soldier, and was *wounded* at the *Battle* of *Bunker Hill.*

Nov. 26, 1770. A town way beginning at Groton road about one-quarter of a mile from *Abner Kent's* dwelling house, thence southerly and westerly to a little white oak by the dug-way near the bridge, thence over the bridge by Ebenezer Hadley's and John Hadley to Littleton line. This began at Miner's Corner and ran over the brook to the farm of Joseph F. Prescott, and to the town line.

Abner Kent appears with rank of *Private* on *Lexington Alarm Roll* of Capt. Timothy Underwood's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt., which *marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775, from Westford. He belonged to Westford.* Length of service 5 days.

Abner Kent appears in an order for *Bounty Coat*, or its equivalent in money, given by Abner Kent, dated Cambridge, Dec. 27, 1775, payable to Lieut. Isaac Brown. Bounty due on account of service in Capt. Abijah Wyman's Co., Col. William Prescott's Regt. Service certified to by Capt. Wyman.

Abner Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Company Return of Capt. Wyman's Co., Col. Prescott's Regt., dated Cambridge, Oct. 3, 1775. *He belonged to Westford.*

Abner Kent appears with rank of Private on Muster Roll of Capt. Wyman's Co., Col. Prescott's Regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775. Time of enlistment April 24, 1775. Time of service 3 mos. 9 days. He belonged to Westford.

Feby 6, 1776. *In the House of Representatives* — Resolved that there be paid out of the Public Treasury of this Colony to Asaph Fletcher, the sum of Five pounds, Fourteen shillings to the use of *Abner Kent a wounded Soldier*, in full for nursing, Boarding &c.

STATE MASSACHUSETTS BAY In the House of Representatives Octo. 6th 1779 On the Representation of John Lucas Commisary of Continental pensioners on behalf of *Abner Kent* late *a soldier in Colth Prescots' Regiment* and in Capt Abijah Weymans Company, *was wounded by a musket ball in his arm at the battle on the Heights of Charles Town in April 1775* Resolved that the said Abner Kent is Intitled to halfpay to Commence ye 1st Jany 1776 Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk

In Council Oct 6th 1779 Read & Concurred John Avery D Sy

This may Sartefy that *Abner Kent* Engaged in april 1775 in my Companey & in Colll Prescotts Regt & Sarved until the Last day of December all Exept from the 17th of. June then was wonded. & Rendered unfitt for Duty

Ashby July 8. 1779 Abijah Wyman Capt in 1775

This Certifies that I the Subscriber attended *Abner Kent of Westford* after *he was wounded at the heiths of Charlestown with a Musket Ball in his Arm* & have from time to time since *directed for said Wound from the complication* of which & by reason of the *discharge of a Considerable Number of detach'd pieces of bone* & the present weak state of his arm, it is my opinion that he is not, neither will be speedily (if ever) able to perform those vigerous exercises he was wont to do before he received Said wound, or which his particular occupation requires, or is necessary for his or his Famalys Support. His children being young & Six in Number: Labour being his only dependence & rescourse

Westford June 19th 1779 Asaph Fletcher Physitian

Oct. 6. 1779. In the House of Representatives. on the Representation of John Lucas, Commissary. of Continental Pensioners in behalf of. *Abner Kent* late a Soldier in Col Prescot's Regiment and Capt. Abijah Weyman's Company — was wounded by a Musket ball in his arm at the Battle on the Heights of Charlestown in April 1775. Resolved that the said *Abner Kent* is intitled to half pay to commence the 1st. January 1776.

ABNER and DORCAS HILDRETH KENT had children:

I. DORCAS, b. . . . , 1765.
II. MARY, b. . . . , 1767.
III. ABIGAIL, b. . . . , 1769; mar. Paul, son of Caleb Wright, b. 1762, and moved to Stoddard, N.H.
IV. SUSANNA, b. . . . , 1772.
V. LYDIA, b. . . . , 1775.
VI. ABNER,[6] b. . . . , 1777.
VII. ELISHA,[6] b. . . . , 1779.

NAPHTALI KENT appears among a list of men resident at Northampton, Hampshire County, Mass., Payrolls and Muster rolls during the Revolution.

NOAH,[5] son of Noah,[4] John,[3] is probably the following:

Noah Kent, who in the Revolutionary Records appears with rank of *Private* on *Lexington Alarm Roll* of Capt. Asa Barns' Co., Col. Patterson's Regt., which marched (Apl. 22) on the alarm of April 19, 1775, from Lanesborough. *He belonged to Lanesborough.* Length of service 23 days.

Noah Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Ebenezer Newell's Co., Col. Symond's Regt. Time of enlistment Aug. 14, 1777. Time of service 6 days. Marched on alarm from Lanesborough to Meloomscuyck.

Noah Kent appears with rank of Private on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Asa Barns' Co., Col. Benjamin Simond's Berkshire Co. Regt. Time of enlistment Oct. 14, 1780. Time of discharge Oct. 21, 1780. Time of service 7 days. *He belonged to Lanesborough.*

Noah Kent, same as the above, except time of enlistment, Oct. 26, 1780, and time of service 5 days.

GIDEON,[5] son of Noah,[4] John,[3] emigrated to New Ashford, Berkshire Co., Mass., in 1762, being one of its first settlers, others coming from R.I. and Conn. (In 1884 there were in the county by the name of Kent, Henry W. Kent at Becket, Reuben Kent, Wm. Kent and Wm. M. Kent at No. Adams.) The above Gideon was prob. a Revolutionary soldier:

Gideon Kent appears among a List of Officers of the Mass. Militia as *Captain* in the 22d Co. of the 2d Berkshire Co. Regt., commissioned May 3, 1776.

The following Gideon probably from another branch of this family, though possibly the above:

Gideon Kent appears with rank of Private on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt.

Asa Barnes' Co., Col. . . . Regt. Time of enlistment July 13, 1777. Time of service 15 days. Marched on an alarm to *Manchester*.

Gideon Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Amariah Babbit's Co., Col. Benjamin Simond's Regt. Time of enlistment Oct. 14, 1780. Time of service 5 days. Marched on an alarm.

Mch 5 1792. Among a List of Balances due from Towns and Collectors appears, Lanesborough, *Gideon Kent*, 1779, £9.4.3.

NATHANIEL,[5] son of Noah,[4] mar. and resided at New Ashford, Mass., where he had a son MILTON,[6] who mar. Elizabeth Turner, and they had a son MILTON A.,[7] who mar. 1st, Annie Maria Harmon; 2d, Annie J. Kells, and in 1897 resides Boston. In 1870 Milton Kent resided at Pittsfield, Mass., then aged 84. The above Nath'l served as an officer in the Revolution.

Nat. Kent appears among A List of Men who received a month's advance in 1775, at Cambridge, for enlisting in the 8 months' service, Capt. Asa Barnes' Co., Col. Woodbridge's Regt., *rank Sergeant*.

Nathaniel Kent appears with rank of *Sergeant* on Muster Roll of Capt. Asa Barns' Co., Col. B. Ruggles Woodbridge's Regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775. Time of enlistment May 2, 1775. Time of service 3 mos. 1 day. *He belonged to New Ashford*.

Nathaniel Kent appears with rank of Private on *Lexington Alarm* Roll of Capt. Asa Barns' Co., Col. Patterson's Regt., which marched (April 22) on the alarm of *April 19, 1775*, from *New Ashford*. *He belonged to New Ashford*. Length of service 9 days.

Nathaniel Kent appears in A Receipt for Advance Pay, given by Company . . . , dated Cambridge, June 30, 1775. Payable to himself. Pay due on account of service in Capt. Barns' Co., Col. Woodbridge's Regt. Reported *Sergeant*.

Nathaniel Kent appears with rank of *2d Sergeant* on Company Return of Capt. Barns' Co., Col. Woodbridge's Regt., dated Sept. 28, 1775. He belonged to *New Ashford*.

Nathaniel Kent appears in an Order for *Bounty Coat*, or its equivalent in money, given by himself and others, dated Cambridge, Nov. 13, 1775, payable to Capt. Barns. Bounty due on account of service in Capt. Asa Barns' Co., Col. B. R. Woodbridge's Regt.

Nathaniel Kent appears with rank of *Lieut.* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Amariah Babbit's Co., Col. Benjamin Simond's Regt. Time of enlistment July 18, 1777. Time of discharge July 29, 1777. Time of service 12 days. *He belonged to New Ashford*, Berkshire Co. Regiment, marched to Manchester.

Nathaniel Kent appears among a List of Officers of the Massachusetts Militia as *2d Lieut.* in the 11th Co. of the 7th Essex Co. Regt.

Nathaniel Kent appears with rank of *Lieut.* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Amariah Babbit's Co., Col. Benjamin Simond's Regt. Time of enlistment Aug. 14, 1777. Time of discharge Aug. 19, 1777. Time of service 6 days. He belonged to *New Ashford*, Berkshire Co. Regt., marched to Meloomscuyck, near Bennington.

Nathaniel Kent appears among a list of Officers of the Massachusetts Militia as *2d Lieut.* in the 11th Company of the 2d Berkshire County Regiment.

Nathaniel Kent appears among a List of Officers of the Massachusetts Militia as *2d Lieut.* in the 11th Company of the 7th Essex Co. Regt., commanded by Col. Simonds, commissioned May 3, 1778.

Nathaniel Kent appears with rank of Lieut. on A Pay Abstract of Capt. Amariah Babbitt's Co., Col. Simond's Regt., for service on alarm, 3 days in Oct., 1780, commanded by Lieut. Dudley Holdridge.

Nathaniel Kent appears with rank of *Lieut.* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Amariah Babbit's Co., Col. Benjamin Simond's Regt. Time of enlistment Oct. 14, 1780. Time of service 5 days. Marched on an alarm.

JACOB,[6] son of Col. Jacob,[5] mar. *Martha Noyes*, and d. Feb. 23, 1852, at Newbury, Vt.; probably the same who was Judge of Probate, Orange Co., Vt., 1786 to '91, and Sheriff 1842–3. One *Jacob Kent* was living in Rowley, Mass., in 1886. There were taxed in the City of Boston, the year 1822, *Henry S. Kent*, Jacob H. Kent, *Martin Kent*, *John Kent*, *Moses Kent*. One *Jacob Kent* of Newbury became shareholder in the Amesbury Cotton Factory in 1814. Jacob Kent, *Dustin Z. Kent*, and *Helmer B. Kent* resided Grand Isle, Vt.

JOHN,[6] son of Col. Jacob,[5] mar. Nov., 1804, *Tabitha* (b. Feb. 22, 1775), dau. of Lt. Richard (of the W. Woodstock, Conn., troops in the Rev.) and wife Tabitha *Peabody* of Littleton, N.H. She d. Apl. 30, 1836. He d. July 4, 1842.

John and Tabitha Peabody Kent had children:

I. Richard Peabody,[7] b. Dec. 21, 1805.
II. John Childs, b. Apl. 19, 1808.
III. Harriett, b. Aug. 29, 1813; d. Muskego, Wis., Apl. 11, 1894, leaving descendants, including Charles W. Moulton.
IV. Adriel,[7] b. Aug. 29, 1814(?).
V. Lucia, b. Oct. 15, 1815; d. at Lyman, N.H., July 16, 1826.
VI. Nelson,[7] b. Dec. 30, 1818.

JOSEPH,[6] son of Col. Jacob,[5] mar. Apl. 3, 1800, *Elizabeth Chamberlain*, b. Newbury, Vt., Dec. 19, 1781. She d. Feb. 26, 1837. He d. July 20, 1859. They resided on the original farm of Col. Jacob Kent, the pioneer. Although founded by the Kents, none are now left in Newbury, Vt., Mary, Mrs. Downer, being the last to reside there.

Joseph and Elizabeth Chamberlain Kent had children, b. in Newbury, Vt.:

I. Mary, b. Nov. 25, 1800; mar. . . . Downer, and d. May 28, 1889.
II. Arad,[7] b. Mch. 27, 1802; has descendants in Piermont, N.H.

III. ELIZA, b. Mch. 15, 1804; mar. . . . Johnson.
IV. REMEMBRANCE CHAMBERLAIN, b. June 11, 1806; d. in Texas.
V. LUCINDA, b. Aug. 22, 1808; d. Dec. 8. 1876; unmarried. (One *Lucinda Kent* of Nashua mar., 1857, Dea. Amos Wood of Walpole, Mass.)
VI. JACOB,[7] b. Sept. 15, 1810; d. . . .
VII. MOODY,[7] b. Sept. 13, 1812; d. Oct. 8, 1838.
VIII. MARTHA, b. Jan. 20, 1815; d. Sept. 17, 1857.
IX. JOSEPH,[7] b. June 22, 1818; d. Jan. 8, 1865.
X. GEORGE W.,[7] b. Mch. 25, 1821; d. 188–.
XI. MARION, b. Nov. 8, 1825; mar. . . . Farmer of Chicago, where she in 1897 resides, also two daughters.
XII. A dau., b. Mch. 23, d. 26, 1827. There was also an infant dau., b. May 24 and d. June 10, 1817.

JAMES,[6] son of Job,[5] mar. *Tamar Mills*, b. Apl. 4, 1772, and moved from Hampstead to Piermont, N.H.

JAMES and TAMAR MILLS KENT had children:

I. MIRIAM H., b. Mch. 29, 1794.
II. AMOS H.,[7] b. Feb. 24, 1796.
III. JOB,[7] b. Apl. 11, 1798.
IV. JAMES,[7] b. Oct. 21, 1800.
V. REUBEN M.,[7] b. Apl. 26, 1803.
VI. BETSY P., b. June 23, 1805.
VII. ZURIAH, b. Aug. 23, 1808.
VIII. SAMUEL P.,[7] b. Apl. 6, 1811.
IX. POLLY J., b. Sept. 29, 1813.
X. ALICE JANE, b. Oct. 20, 1816.

ZENAS,[6] son of Daniel,[5] was a carpenter, joiner, and *Revolutionary soldier*. He mar. Apl. 5, 1785, *Anne* (b. Mch. 18, 1767), dau. of Reuben and Mary (Shepard) *Plumb*. She d. Akron, O., Nov. 25, 1848, aged 82. They moved from *Middletown, Ct.*, to *Leyden, Mass.*, about 1790, and to *Mantua, O.*, in 1812, where he died.

ZENAS and ANNE PLUMB KENT had children:

I. ZENAS,[7] b. July 12, 1786, Middletown.
II. ANNE, b. Oct. 30, 1788;

mar. 1st, Ralph Buckland. 2d, Oct. 12, 1815, Dr. Luther Hanchett; d. Apl. 23, 1859, at Fremont, O., and is buried in the family lot in Oakwood cemetery. CHILDREN BY HER FIRST HUSBAND WERE: **1.** Mary Anne, d. young on the way to the Ohio home, and bur. at Albany, N.Y. **2.** Ralph Pomeroy, b. Leyden,

Mass., Jan. 20, 1812; mar. Charlotte Boughton of Canfield, O., Jan. 18, 1838; d. Fremont, O., May 27, 1892. He was a lawyer; a member of the Ohio *State Legislature*; of the *U.S. House of Representatives*; organized the 72d O.V.I.; rose to the rank of *Brigadier-General* and *brevet rank* of *Major-General*; had command of brigade at *Battle of Shiloh, siege of Vicksburg*, etc.; was in command of the district of Memphis, and was in actual command of a division several times, and for a time of the entire department of W. Tennessee. *Children of Ralph Pomeroy and Charlotte Boughton Buckland*, all b. Fremont, O.: *1. Ralph Boughton*, b. Mch. 2, 1839, unmarried; d. Fremont, O., Aug. 12, 1880. *2. Anne Kent*, b. Nov. 16, 1841; mar. Charles Manning Dillon at Fremont, O., May 26, 1868. Chil.: 1. George Buckland, b. Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 11, 1869; d. Fremont, O., Aug. 3, 1870. 2. Mary Buckland, b. Oct. 1, 1870. 3. Ralph Putnam, b. Dec. 14, 1872. 4. Kent Howard, b. Mch. 26, 1875. 5 and 6, twins: Edward Boughton and Edwin Boughton, b. Aug. 10, 1877. (Note.—Edwd. Boughton d. at birth. Edwin Boughton d. in 1884.) 7. Charlotte Elizabeth, b. Sept. 20, 1878. 8. Charles Buckland, b. July 23, 1881. *3. Thomas Stilwell*, b. Sept. 8, 1845; d. Dec. 15, 1846. *4. Caroline Nichols*, b. Apl. 21, 1851; d. Memphis, Tenn., May 21, 1864; buried Fremont. *5. Horace Stephen*, b. Apl. 21, 1851; mar. Elizabeth Catherine Bauman at her uncle Henry Zeigler's house, Fremont, O., June 10, 1878. He is now a *Judge of the Court of Common Pleas* for the fourth subdivision of the first judicial district. *6. Mary Jerusha*, b. Dec. 19, 1854; d. Oct. 24, 1860. *7. Alson Kent*, b. Nov. 25, 1856; d. Dec. 23, 1858. *8. George*, b. Aug. 18, 1859; mar. Grace Huntington of Cincinnati, O., Nov. 18, 1891; has child: 1. Mary Huntington, b. at Cincinnati Mch. 21, 1896. **3.** Stephen, b. at Hudson, Portage Co., O., Jan. 16, 1814; mar. Lucy Whittlesey, at Canfield, O., Oct. 11, 1838; d. Fremont, O., June 29, 1893. He was a druggist at Fremont for many years, and was several times elected *Mayor* of the town, and held other positions of prominence and trust. *They had chil.*, all b. Edinburg, Summit Co., O.: *1. Henry Whittlesey*, b. Sept. 8, 1839. He was a *Major in the 72d Regt., O.V.I.*, in the war of 1861–5; mar. Nov. 21, 1861, at Fremont, Eliza Simpkins; and d. there Mch. 30, 1869. No chil. *2. Chester Averil*, b. Jan. 6, 1841. He was a *volunteer* in the *72d Regt.*, O.V.I., in the war 1861–5. Not married. *Wounded at Pittsburg Landing*, Apl. 6, 1862; d. on the boat, on his way home, April 17, 1862. *3. Ralph Pomeroy*, b. Oct. 1, 1843; mar. Elizabeth Chapman of Fremont Jan. 9, 1868. Chil., b. in Fremont: 1. Granville Whittlesey, b. Apr. 19, 1870. 2. Stephen, b. Apr. 22, 1876. 3. Lucy Chapman, b. May 19, 1881; d. Fremont, May 4, 1886. 4. Ralph Kent, b. Mch. 21, 1883. (Note.—Ralph Pomeroy Buckland is a druggist residing at Fremont, O.) *4. Comfort Star*, b. Apr. 18, 1846. Was a volunteer in the 169th O.V.I. Regt. in war of 1861–5; mar. Kittie Lois Johnson, at Appleton, Wis. Chil., b. in Appleton: 1. Lucy Whittlesey, b. July 11, 1877. 2. Frank Johnson, b. May 13, 1879. 3. Ellen Joslyn, b. Mch. 28, 1885. 4. Chester Averil, b. Nov. 6, 1887. (Comfort Star Buckland is a dry-goods merchant, residing at Appleton, Wis.) Anne Kent Buckland mar. 2d, Dr. Luther Hanchett, at Middlebury, O. He was a physician at the hospital at *Ft. Stephen-*

son, in the war of 1812-13, and was b. May 10, 1780; d. Oct. 25, 1841, at Allen, Hillsdale Co., Mich., from inflammation of the lungs. She was his third wife. He had three children by his first wife, maiden name not known; their names: Charles, William, and Mariette. Second wife's name, Betsy Brabrook; one child, Marie, who mar. an Ecklee.

Children of Anne Kent Buckland and Dr. Luther Hanchett: **4.** Hiram Joseph, b. Oct. 6, 1816. Resides at Big Rapids, Mich.; mar. Hannah Hand Jan. 6, 1842. Chil.: *1. Ellen*, d. aged 3 mos. *2. Annie Mariel*, b. July 20, 1848; mar. Wm. O. Greene Dec. 25, 1872, and had chil.: 1. Volney Lyle, b. Mch. 22, 1875. 2. Archie Loyd, b. July 13, 1878. They reside at Eckleson, N. Dakota. *3. Volney Hiram*, b. May 3, 1851; mar. Katie L. Ailson June 28, 1876. Chil.: 1. Arthur Kent, b. June 22, 1877. 2. Annie Mabel, b. Nov. 5, 1879. 3. Elsie Belle, b. Feb. 1, 1882. 4. Ralph Volney, b. June 14, 1885. They reside at Big Rapids, Mich. *4. John*, born April 13, 1854; mar. 1st, Lida Kinney Apr. 3, 1877. Chil.: 1. Lulu Hannah, b. June 1, 1879. Mar. 2d, Lilly Heydenberg, Nov. 13, 1885. 2. Ada Laura, b. Sept. 6, 1886. 3. Ethel May, b. Nov. 19, 1892. They reside at Big Rapids, Mich. *5. Edward*, d. at 3 mos. *6. Belle Elizabeth*, b. Oct. 16, 1862; mar. Clarence Bacheller Mch. 5, 1884. Chil.: 1. Gail, b. Aug. 6, 1885. 2. Ruth, b. June 24, 1887. 3. Agnes Marie, b. July 7, 1889. They reside at Nashville, Mich. **5.** James Monroe, b. Mch. 4, 1848; mar. Margaret Carns. Chil.: *1. Julia*, b. . . .; mar. George Lawrence, and has 2 chil. She lives in S. Dakota. *2. Luther J.*, b. . . .; mar. . . . Wight, and has 2 chil.; he lives in Allen, Mich. *3. Harriet*, b. . . .; mar. Byron Norris, and has 2 chil.; she lives in Allen, Mich. *4. Carrie*, b. . . .; mar. 1st, Samuel Wight, and had one child. Mar. 2d, James Hanchett, her first cousin, son of Hon. Luther Hanchett. Lives at Rheinlander, Wis. *5. Roy*, b. . . . **6.** Edward, b. . . . ; d. aged nine. **7.** Dennis, d. young. **8.** Elizabeth A., b. at Middlebury, O., Sept. 13, 1823; mar. Dr. Henry B. Stillman May 8, 1845, at Coldwater, Mich. He d. Jan. 4, 1866. Chil.: *1. Charles*, b. Apr. 23, 1846; d. Sept. 21, 1846. *2. Charles Henry*, b. June 16, 1848; d. July 14, 1849. *3. Julia H.*, b. Mch. 30, 1850. *4. Edward R.*, b. Mch. 5, 1852. They reside at Coldwater, Mich. **9.** Luther, b. Middlebury; d. Nov. 24, 1862, at Plover, Wis.; mar. Lucinda Alban Sept. 11, 1853; had chil.: *1. Anna A.*, b. Nov. 5, 1855; mar. Anderson A. Brown, and had chil.: with their ages in 1897, 1. Luther, 19. 2. Edith, 14. 3. Webster, 12. 4. Raymond B., 4. 5. A baby. Reside at Rheinlander, Wis. *2. James*, b. . . .; mar. his cousin, Carrie O. Hanchett. Children and ages in 1897: 1. Jessie A., 9. 2. James A., 7. Reside at Rheinlander, Wis. **10.** Harriet, b. . . . ; d. aged 18.

III. Lucy S., b. Oct. 14, 1791;

mar. Aug. 2, 1810, Samuel D. Harris of Bozrah, Conn., b. Nov. 23, 1781. He d. Ravenna, O. (where they resided), Aug. 2, 1865, aged 84. She d. Jan. 30, 1870, aged 78. He was County Auditor and County Surveyor of Portage Co., O., for many years, also *General* in the Ohio State Militia. They had 6 children, two of whom died in infancy. The remaining four, viz.: **1.** Lucia A., b. in Conn. 1811; mar. at Ravenna, O., Apl., 1831, John Gillis;

d. Aug. 22, 1883, aged 72. They had 7 children, three of whom d. young. Those living are: *1. Margaret F.*, b. Feb. 6, 1832; mar. in St. Paul, Minn., in 1860, and had 3 chil.: 1. Francis L. 2. Mary F. 3. . . . *2. John H.*, b. Dec. 10, 1833; mar. Helen Barnes, and had 2 chil.: 1. Nellie, b. in 1862; d. Aug., 1864. 2. A child, d. in infancy. *3. Charles J.*, b. Jan. 6, 1837, was Surveyor of Portage Co.; mar., had 5 children, and d. in Iowa Dec., 1879. *4. Mary A.*, b. Oct. 9, 1846; mar. Geo. F. Robinson Aug. 28, 1867, lawyer and *Judge* of Court of Common Pleas. They had 3 chil.: 1. Henry M., b. Sept. 12, 1868. 2. Richard H., b. Apl. 2, 1875; entered U.S. navy 1892. 3. Thomas L., b. June 28, 1880. **2.** Samuel D., Jr., b. May 17, 1816, in Ravenna; d. Mch. 7, 1895; was admitted to the bar, but never practised; was Treas'r of the Co. of Portage two terms, and was for many years *editor* and publisher of the "Portage Sentinel" and the "Democratic Press;" mar. Joanna Doty. They had 3 chil.: *1. Lucy M.*, b. at Ravenna Aug. 19, 1845; mar. Alvin F. Smith, merchant. Sept. 12, 1867, and had one daughter, Eleanor, b. Oct. 6, 1868. *2. Geo. Dennison*, b. Dec. 11, 1847; mar. Ella Southerland June 1, 1868, and had 3 chil.: two d. in infancy; and Nina S., b. Aug. 30, 1871. *3. Katherine*, b. Dec. 27, 1864. **3.** Alson A., b. in Ravenna Sept. 29, 1818.; a dentist; mar. Augusta M. Earl Oct. 3, 1850. Chil.: *1. Marietta A.*, b. June 26, 1853. *2. Albert A.*; mar. Alice C. Hartlerode Nov. 20, 1876(?). Chil.: 1. Claud B., b. Aug. 18, 1877. 2. Daniel J., b. Mch. 23, 1880. 3. Roderick G., b. May 25, 1884. **4.** Mary M., b. Ravenna Mch. 17, 1820; mar. Dr. Wm. Cain of Ravenna; d. at Stillwater, Minn., June 6, 1889. They had son: *1. William Harris*, b. Ravenna May 10, 1854; mar. May N. Ten Eyck, and had chil.: a dau. who d. aged 1 year. Arthur T., b. May 24, 1875; Allen W., b. 1879; and Mathew T., b. 1881.

IV. MARIA, b. Feb. 8, 1794;

mar. Sept. 3, 1812, Lorenzo Chapin, who d. Mch. 12, 1875. She d. July, 1892, Mantua, O., aged 98. They had 7 children: **1.** Henry A. Chapin, merchant, b. Leyden, Mass., Oct. 5, 1813; mar. Ruby Noona of Mantua, O., Mch. 22, 1836. They had 4 chil.: *1. Sarah Maria. 2. Carrie E. 3. Henry;* all died young. *4. Charles A.*, b. Feb. 2, 1845; mar. Emma Coolridge; had 8 children, seven living in 1897. Henry A. Chapin, in company with his son Charles, is an owner of the celebrated Chapin & Son Ore Mines in N. Mich. **2.** Leonard M., b. Mantua, O., June 14, d. Sept. 2, 1818. **3.** Leonard M., b. Mantua June 19, 1819; d. Aug. 12, 1820. **4.** Maria, b. Mantua Jan. 7, 1822; d. July 19, 1825. **5.** Abbie, b. Mantua May 6, 1825; mar. 1st, Peter Griffin, who d. May 14, 1850. Mar. 2d, Horace Ladd Jan. 8, 1853. *Peter and Abbie Griffin had son: 1. Frank P.*; mar. Mary Jones, and had three dau.: 1. Laura. 2. Josephine. 3. May. *Horace and Abbie Ladd had chil.: 2. Willie*, b. Mantua Jan. 15, 1858. *3. George*, b. Mantua Aug., 1860; mar. Lottie Jones, and has 6 chil. *4. Hattie*, b. Mantua May 15, 1863; mar. A. J. McLain. *5. Henry*, b. Jan. 4, 1866; mar. Lizzie Ritter. *6. Eva*, b. Mantua May 8, 1868; mar. Chas. Plum. **6.** Charles E., b. Mantua Feb. 2, 1829; mar. 1st, Mary Bond, March 8, 1851, who d. in Mich. They had 2 chil.: *1. Carrie*, b. Mantua Nov. 18, 1859; d. in Mich. *2. May*, b. in Mich. May 14, 1863; mar.

—— Wright, and had 6 chil. Charles E. mar. 2d, Margaret Wright, by whom he had chil., viz.: *3. Leonard. 4. Selah. 5. Chloe.* He d. in Stanton, Mich., 1892. **7.** Harriet Eliza, b. Mantua Feb. 16, 1833; mar. Rodolphus Ladd June 25, 1854. They had 3 chil.: *1. Emma E.*, b. Jan. 8, 1855; mar. Lafayette Bliss Sept. 19, 1876, and has 3 chil.: 1. Lottie, b. July 9, 1877, who mar. Jan. 8, 1895, Edw. Foster, and who has one child, Grace, b. Oct. 15, 1896. 2. Harold, b. Feb. 26, 1881(?); and 3. Olney R., b. June 19, 1891. *2. Charles G.*, b. Sept. 2, 1863; d. Aug. 9, 1873. *3. Frank C.*, b. Oct. 4, 1866.

V. ELIZABETH, b. 1796;
mar. Chas. King, and d. Cleveland, O., 1830. He d. 1839. They had 2 chil., *Edwin* and *Maria*.

VI. ROSWELL,[7] b. May 18, 1798; a merchant.

VII. ALSON,[7] b. Nov., 1800; merchant.

VIII. AMASA,[7] b. May 29, 1805; carpenter.

IX. ALMIRA, b. 1806(?);
mar. Lyman Ely, who d. 1881. She d. 1880. They had 3 chil.: **1.** *Gael.* **2.** *Julia*, who mar. Mr. Morris. **3.** *Eliza*, b. 1832. (Another ALMIRA KENT of Brookfield, Mass., mar., 1823, Washington, son of Joshua Hill of Spencer.)

X. JULIA, b. 1809; d. 1826, aged 17.

EZEKIEL,[6] son of Daniel,[5] is probably the same who became a soldier of the Revolution; one *Ezekiel Kent* of West Springfield entered an int. of marriage with *Desirable Allen* on Sept. 26, 1789, and with *Keziah Allen* Oct. 16, 1789.

Ezekiel Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. John Morgan's Co., Col. Ruggles Woodbridge's Regt. Time of enlistment Aug. 24, 1777. Time of discharge Nov. 29 1777. Time of service 3 mos. 13 days. Service performed in *Northern Dept.*

Ezekiel Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Pay Roll of Capt. John Carpenter's Co., Col. Ezra Wood's Regt. Time of service 10 days. Service performed for part of May and month of June, 1778.

Ezekiel Kent appears with rank of Private on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. John Carpenter's Co., Col. Ezra Wood's Regt. Time of arrival July 5, 1778 (7 days after enlistment). Time of discharge Feb. 2, 1779. Time of service 7 months 15 day's (14 days' travel to and from camp allowed). *Service at North River, N. Y.* Raised for 8 mos.

Jo[h] *Kent* appears on A Receipt, dated *Brookfield*, June 16, 1779, for wages for *Ezekiel Kent*, given by himself. Autograph signature.

Ezekiel Kent appears with rank of Private on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Levi Ely's Co., Col. John Brown's Regt. Time of enlistment July 20, 1780. Time of discharge Oct. 22, 1780. Time of service 3 mos. 11 days; 8 days' travel included. Raised by resolve of June 22, 1780; 3 mos. levies.

JOHN,[6] son of Cephas,[5] mar. *Lucy Sykes. They had chil.:*

I. JOHN,[7] b. . . .

II. JUBA,[7] b. . . .

III. LUCY, b. . . .

IV. RHODA, b. . . .
V. CLARINDA, b. . . .

CEPHAS,[6] son of Cephas,[5] mar., 1775, *Lydia Sheldon*, Suffield, Ct., who d. 1846, aged 86. He was *Aide*, it is said, on *Montgomery's Staff* during the Revolution, and d. of the plague in Dorset, Vt., 1813, aged 59.

CEPHAS and LYDIA SHELDON KENT had children:

I. CEPHAS SHELDON,[7] b. Mch. 30, 1781.

II. LYDIA, b. May 9, 1783;
mar., 1802, Dorset, Vt., Wm. Farnsworth; d. July 7, 1862, Lafayette, Ind. They had 3 chil.: **1.** Alva, now of California. **2.** Gad. **3.** Maria.

III. LUCINDA, b. Aug. 11, 1785;
mar. in Dorset Reuben Farnsworth, 1804; d. 1829, Burlington, O. They had 9 chil.: **1.** Laura Owens, d. in Utah. **2.** Lydia Mayhew, d. in Utah. **3.** Lucinda Lyman, d. in San Diego, Cal. **4.** Stephen. **5.** Lafayette. **6.** William. **7.** Philo. **8.** Caroline S. **9.** Eliza.

IV. DIANTHA, b. Oct. 4, 1787;
mar. 1807, Rev. Stephen Martindale, a *grad.* of *Middlebury Coll.*, class of 1806. She d. a widow Aug. 5, 1858, at the residence of her son-in-law, J. Munson Hill, Beloit, Wis. (*A. Kent, grad. of Yale* 1816, was Prest. of Coll. at Beloit.) She was buried with her husband at Wallingford. They had 6 chil.: **1.** Caroline Roberts. **2.** Angeline Matoon. **3.** Huldah. **4.** Lucinda Hill. **5.** Stephen. **6.** Cephas.

V. SYLVESTER,[7] b. Oct. 20, 1789.

VI. BEULAH, b. Aug., 1792;
mar. in Paulet, Vt., Abner Welch, 1817; d. Aug. 15, 1863, New York, leaving 2 chil.: Jane Weber and Sylvester.

VII. EBENEZER,[7] b. 1794.

VIII. WILLIAM,[7] b. 1797.

IX. ELIPHALET,[7] b. Mch. 17, 1800.

X. MARIA, b. June, 1802; mar. in N.Y. to Samuel Voakes 1828, and d. 1835, aged 33, leaving one child, Alvina.

MOSES,[6] son of Cephas,[5] mar. Abigail Harmon, and had children:

I. ASAHEL,[7] b. Oct. 17, 1779.

II. MOSES,[7] } b. Oct. 25, 1780.
III. AND TWIN, }

IV. ABAGAIL, b. . . .;
mar. Oliver Williams. They lived and d. at Dorset, Vt. He d. Feb. 7, 1848, and his wife Apr. 29, 1848. He was a farmer. They had chil.: **1.** Norman, b. 1802; d. Feb., 1819. **2.** Eliza, b. 1805; mar. one Kingsley, and settled in northern Penn. **3.** William, b. Apr. 13, 1807; lived and d. in Dorset, Vt. He was in

the tanning business; his sons succeeded him. **4.** Homer A., b. June 20, 1817; mar. 1st, Harriet, dau. of Juba Kent of Dorset; and 2d, Harriet Wilkinson of Hopkinton, N.Y. He has always resided in Dorset. **5.** Caroline A., b. Mch. 23, 1819; d. at Dorset. **6.** Mary H., b. Dec. 29, 1828; d. Jan. 12, 1852.

V. HANNAH, b. . . . ;

mar. Jan. 17, 1805, Thaddeus Laughlin. His ancestors were settled at Williamstown, Mass., afterward of Dorset, Vt., then of Bristol, and of Hopkinton, N.Y., in 1804. He d. June 22, 1816, and his wife Mch. 18, 1832. They had chil., all b. in Hopkinton: **1.** Henry Dunton, b. Sept. 17, 1806; mar. Harriet Sawyer of Parishville, N.Y., and was a physician for over 35 years in Ogdensburg, N.Y. **2.** Thaddeus Harmon, b. Apr. 20, 1808; mar. Maria M. Hopkins of Panton, Vt.; d. at Hopkinton, N.Y. **3.** Roswell Hopkins, lived and d. (about 80 yrs. of age) at Hopkinton (unmarried). He was a deacon in the Congregational ch., Hopkinton. **4.** Mary, d. at Fon du Lac, Wis. . . . **5.** Hiram, mar. . . . ; settled in Fon du Lac, Wis. Was a merchant, and d. quite recently, leaving his only child, a son, who continues in his father's business. **6.** Francis.

VI. POLLY or MARY, b. . . . ;

mar. Elisha Hazeltine. They had chil.: *Charles, Mary Ann, Norman*, and *Electa*. Their mother died Mch. 3, 1875, at Wilmington, Ill., where the family were living.

VII. ARTEMUS,[7] b. Aug. 31, 1789.

VIII. RUSSELL.[7]

IX. WAITY;

mar. Thomas Dunton, a physician. They lived at Dorset, Vt., where their four sons were b. Later they moved to Stockholm, N.Y., where they had one dau. who d. young. Their four sons were: **1.** Lorenzo, d. at Brasher Falls, N.Y.; his only child, Amelia, mar. lawyer J. G. McIntyre of Potsdam, N.Y. **2.** Albert H., of Lawrence, N.Y. **3.** Augustus, a dentist; and **4.** Edward of Saint Albans, Vt. I find in a History of St. Lawrence Co. that Thomas Dunton was Supervisor of Stockholm in 1840.

X. HULDAH, b. . . . ; mar. her sister Hannah's widower, Thaddeus Laughlin.

DANIEL,[6] son of Cephas,[5] mar. 1st, *Abigail Sykes* of Dorset, who d. Aug. 18, 1792. He mar. 2d, June 9, 1793, *Betsey* (b. Sept. 15, 1768), dau. of Daniel *Griswold (Yale, 1747)* of Sharon, Ct., who d. as his widow Mch. 30, 1854, aged 85. He served in the Revolution in scouting parties, as minute man, and in defence of the frontier. He and *two of his brothers* were attached to Col. Seth Warner's regiment in the second attack in the *battle of Bennington*, and for military service he received a pension of $20 a year, from Mch. 4, 1831, under Act of June 7, 1832. His ministry began in 1791, when he was 33, at Benson, Vt. The records of the Congregational church there state, under Aug. 22, 1792: "The ordination of Mr. Kent is

postponed to 5th Sept. next by reason of the sickness and death of Mrs. Kent." On Nov. 15, 1803, he was moderator at a meeting for the formation of "The church of Christ in Fair Haven and West Haven, Vt." He d. Benson July 22, 1835, aged 77.

There was a **DANIEL** Kent, b. in Ohio, but residing in 1897 at Fort Madison, Ia. He had in Ohio abt. 10 brothers and sisters. He had children: 1. *Marion* by first wife, who died, and four by 2d wife: 2. *Cassius M.*, who died. 3. *Mrs. W. B. Fleming* of Keosauqua, Ia. 4. *Silas Gurley*, b. Sept. 23, 1858, at Keosauqua, Ia.; mar. Jan. 20, 1883, Addie L. Salmon, at Ft. Madison, Ia.; resides in 1897 at Hannibal, Mo.; no issue. 5. *Mrs. W. E. Burgett* of Keokuk, Ia.

ALEXANDER,[6] son of Cephas,[5] mar. *Mercy Grey*, b. June 10, 1764, at Southeast, N.Y., and *had chil.*, b. in Dorset:

I. ALMIRA, b. . . .
II. HANNA, b. . . .
III. MILTON,[7] b. . . .
IV. HANNAH, b. . . .
V. FRUMBLE, b. . . .
VI. LAURENS,[7] b. May 22, 1797.
VII. MEREYRA, b. . . .

ELIJAH,[6] son of Elijah,[5] was probably the same who in 1780–83–88 was *Selectman* of Granby, Mass., and *Representative to the General Court* in 1796. SAMUEL, his bro. or son, prob. *Selectman* 1800–03–07–11–13.

SAMUEL[6] of Granby, Mass., son of Elijah,[5] declared himself as against Shay's Rebellion, and was prob. the same Sam'l Kent who appears among the grantees of Fairhaven, Vt., by the charter granted at Manchester Oct. 27, 1779, and signed at Arlington by Gov. Thos. Chittenden, Apl. 26, 1782.

SHAY'S REBELLION. *Samuel Kent* of *Granby, Yeoman*, appears signed to an Oath of Allegiance taken before Nath[ll] Dickenson Jun[r]. Just[s]. Pea[s]. Hampshire SS. March 21 1787.

JUNE 12. 1815 In Senate On the petition of *Samuel Kent* of Granby in the County of Hampshire, Stating that on the Seventeenth day of August, 1808 he Conveyed by deed of Warranty to Isaac Gere, late of Northampton in said County deceased, a certain tract of land situate in Granby aforesaid in the Crank lots, so called, being lots No 50 and 51, bounded easterly by Belchertown line, and extending westerly from said line, including the whole width of said lots so far as to Contain fifty acres, and bounded northerly by Samuel Ingall's heirs'

land: Southerly by lot No 49; and westerly by land of said *Kent*, that said deed although absolute, and no bond of defeazance was given, was intended by the parties merely to secure the payment of a Sum of money, which the said Kent borrowed of said Gere, and which on the 17th day of May 1814 amounted only to two hundred and Seventy five dollars and Seventy five Cents; that said land is of much greater value than the amount now due; and praying that Joseph Lyman Esqr and Solomon Stoddard Junr Esq both of Northampton aforesaid, executors of the last will and testament of the said Isaac Gere may be authorized to reconvey Said land to Said Kent, upon payment of the amount due from the said Kent to the Said Gere, with the Annual interest. Resolved For reasons set forth in Said petition that Joseph Lyman and Solomon Stoddard Junr Esqrs, executors of the last will and testament of Isaac Gere late of Northampton, deceased, be, and they hereby are authorized and empowered to make and execute a deed of release to the said *Samuel Kent* of the tract of land above described, which deed shall have the effect of Conveying all the right of which the Said Gere died Seized in Said land, he, the said Kent first paying to the said executors, the sum of two hundred and Seventy five dollars and Seventy five Cents with interest thereon from the 17th day of May 1814 In the House of Representatives Read and Concurred Approved by the Governor

ELIHU,[6] son of Maj. Elihu,[5] mar. *Elizabeth Fitch* of Lebanon, Ct. He was in the *Revolutionary Army with his father*, was *captured by the British* on Long Island, and confined for a long time as a *prisoner of war* in the old "Sugar House" in New York, where he suffered greatly. He was a farmer, and kept a *tavern* at *Suffield, Ct.* On Nov. 9, 1780, he was one of the grantees of the town of Warren, Vt. His wife *Betsy* was the dau. of Lieut. (afterwards Capt.) Azel (b. Nov. 7, 1728) and Silence (How) Fitch, and grand-dau. of Joseph (b. 1681) and Ann (Whiting) Fitch of Norwich, and gt. grand-dau. of Rev. James (b. Bocking, Eng., Dec. 24, 1622, and *Chaplain in King Philip's war*) and Priscilla Mason. I would refer any persons interested in the Fitch genealogy to Mr. Charles Stanley Symonds, Utica, N.Y., a descendant, and who has furnished me with most complete data of the Fitch family, which I wish was wholly instead of only partially useful to the Kent genealogists.

Col. Elihu and Elizabeth Fitch Kent had children:

I. Rebecca, b. Mch. 30, 1782; d. Oct. 27, 1803; unmarried.

II. Betsey, b. Sept. 23, 1784;

mar. Dec. 20, 1809, Capt. Simon, son of Simon and Theoda Bronson Kendall of Suffield, Ct. He was b. July 29, 1785, and d. Mch. 29, 1856. She d. Feb. 25, 1860, aged 75. They had eight children.

III. Samuel,[7] b. Nov. 27, 1786.

IV. Azel Fitch,[7] b. Sept. 20, 1790.

JONATHAN KELLOGG,[6] son of Elihu,[5] mar. *1st*, Oct. 31, 1787, *Anna Phelps*, who was b. Oct. 5, 1765, and d. Jan. 21,

1836. He mar. *2d, Widow Geer* Oct. 30, 1836. He was a *farmer* at *Suffield* and a *Revolutionary soldier*, and d. Aug. 6, 1846, aged 86.

JONATHAN K. and ANNA PHELPS KENT had children:

I. JONATHAN,[7] b. Sept. 20, 1788; d. Feb. 14, 1861. (Almira P., dau. of Joshua Hill of Spencer, mar. one *John Kent* Jan. 1, 1828.)
II. ELIJAH,[7] b. Dec. 22, 1789.
III. CORNELIUS,[7] b. Dec. 18, 1791; d. Mch. 25, 1815. (The father and grandfather of A. C. Kent of Hillsdale, N.J., were named *Cornelius*.)
IV. CASSANDER, b. July 4, 1796.
V. ANNA MARIA, b. Dec. 25, 1800; d. Dec. 25, 1857.
VI. HARRY PHELPS,[7] b. Nov. 18, 1802, and of Suffield in 1874.
VII. DELIA, b. May 1, 1807.

MARTIN,[6] son of Elihu,[5] mar. 1st, . . . *Hale*, and 2d, *Lorinda, widow* of Sam'l *Hathaway* and dau. of Amos and Lydia (Camp) *Morris*, who was b. July 4, 1768, and d. Mch. 6, 1849, aged 81. He d. in Suffield Nov. 18, 1846.

MARTIN and . . . HALE KENT had children:

I. MARTIN.[7]
II. JAMES.[7]
III. JOSIAH.[7]

MARTIN and LORINDA MORRIS KENT had children:

IV. EDWARD,[7] b. Mch. 2, 1794; d. Nov. 28, 1836; unmarried.
V. HORACE LEAVITT,[7] b. May 7, 1804, Suffield; d. Feb. 26, 1872.

GAMALIEL,[6] son of Elihu,[5] mar. Nov. 26, 1792, *widow Deborah Woodward*, dau. of John and Mehitable (Steele) *Huntington* of Tolland, Ct. She was b. Nov. 21, 1762; and d. July 17, 1843, aged 80. He was a *farmer* in *Suffield until 1806*, when with a wagon and four horses he *moved to Ohio*, making the journey *in 37 days*. He resided in *Aurora* until 1812, when he took a farm of 600 acres at *Bainbridge, O.*, where he d. Apl. 30, 1831, aged 64. In Conn. he was a Baptist, but became a Campbellite in Ohio.

GAMALIEL and DEBORAH HUNTINGTON KENT had children:

I. ELIHU LYMAN,[7] b. Sept. 3, 1793; a farmer of Bainbridge; mar. Feb. 18, 1818, *Clarissa*, dau. of Benj. and Phœbe *Blish* of Mentor, O.; and d. Sept. 14, 1827, without issue.

II. DELIA, b. Apl. 30, 1795; mar. Russell G. McCartey of Bainbridge.

III. LAURA, b. Mch. 23, 1797; mar. 1st, Oct. 10, 1818, Harvey Baldwin of Aurora; 2d, Edmund Mott of Collamer, O., in 1865.

IV. GAMALIEL HUNTINGTON,[7] b. Jan. 21, 1799.

V. ALEXANDER EDSON,[7] b. Apl. 20, 1802.

There was also born in Ohio one JESSE H. KENT, b. 1809, near Bainbridge, Ross Co., O. He mar. in 1838, in Christian Co., Lydia A. Walker, but soon after made his home in the eastern part of Sangamon Co., Ill., where one child was born. They moved to Springfield, where they had 4 children. *William* and *John T.* d. young. Of the other three children, *Sarah E.*, b. June 25, 1840, near Mechanicsburg; mar. George W. Constant July 23, 1857, in Springfield. *James H.*, b. in Springfield; enlisted in 1861 in Company I., 7th Ill. Inf., for three years; was wounded in 1864, and discharged on account of physical disability; mar. Jane Howard, and she d. *Josiah P.*, b. in Springfield; mar. Lou Rogers, and lived, 1876, with his father near Savannah, Mo. Jesse H. Kent lived in Springfield until 1874, when he moved to the vicinity of Savannah, Mo., where he resided in 1876.

JAMES[6] (*the Chancellor*), son of Moss,[5] Elisha,[4] mar. Apl. 3, 1785, at Poughkeepsie, *Elizabeth*, dau. of Theodorus *Bailey*. She was b. Sept. 10, 1768, at Poughkeepsie, and d. June 19, 1851, at Orange, N.J. They had 4 children. He *grad. Yale Coll. 1781*, having as classmates Hon. Sam'l Hinckley, Gov. Griswold, and Judge Baldwin. North, in his History of Augusta, Me., gives some of his characteristics, and says: "During a conversation Chancellor *Kent* once said to Judge Weston that he was only *29 yrs. of age* when *appointed to the New York bench*, and that he felt much embarrassed at first in having such men as Alexander Hamilton, Aaron Burr, and others practising in his court. He held successively the offices of *Master in Chancery*, *Recorder of the City of New York*, *Judge of the Supreme Court*, *Chief Justice of the Supreme Court*, and *Chancellor of the State of New York*. He retired from the Chancellorship at 60 yrs. of age, in accordance with the State Constitution. He then became *Professor of Law* in *Columbia College*, and gave to his profession his "*Commentaries on American Law*," which have become a necessary reference to every lawyer and a textbook in every law school in the Union. The following letter speaks for itself:

HONOLULU, Oct. 18, 1839.

TO HIS MAJESTY KAMMAHAMAHA III.:

The American people have heard much of the king, chiefs, and people of the Sandwich Islands. It is a high gratification to the writer that he now has the pleasure of visiting your majesty's possessions, and to mark the advance of

institutions of which he has heard much and with which he has not been disappointed by his inspection of them since his arrival at this place. Your majesty will believe me when I assure you that, at home, the missionaries to your possessions have the confidence of the American nation; and that the American government gives your majesty its cordial wishes for the advance of every valuable institution tending to the promotion of intelligence, morals, and the Christian religion among your subjects. That I may evince to your majesty my own feelings of interest, *I herewith beg you to accept* "KENT'S COMMENTARIES," a work in four volumes, *which contain the collected knowledge of one of our greatest men and most able jurists, who has, for his learning and his worth, the confidence and admiration of the people of the United States.* The Rev. M. Richards, who I am happy to learn has accepted the appointment as your majesty's interpreter, will find these volumes of great service in illustrating the great and general principles of the laws of civilized nations; and be enabled, so far as they may be applicable in forming the jurisprudence of your majesty's government, to present to your majesty's consideration the interesting subjects on which these volumes treat. Most assuredly and cordially, and with great respect your friend, *Fitch W. Taylor*, Chaplain U.S. frigate Columbia.

Chancellor Kent at one time owned the estate now occupied by the "Kent Place School for Girls," at Summit, N.J. He d. N.Y. city Nov. 12, 1847, aged 84. (There was a Chancellor Kent who enlisted from Fall River during the Rebellion.)

Children of JAMES and ELIZABETH BAILEY KENT:

I. ELIZABETH, b. Mch. 25, 1791; d. May 26, 1793.

II. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 26, 1796; mar. Sept., 1816, Isaac S. Hone of N.Y. city, later of Philadelphia, deceased.

III. WILLIAM,[7] b. Oct. 2, 1802.

IV. MARY, b. May 19, 1807; mar. Sept., 1839, Rev. Dr. John S. Stone, Rector of Christ's Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., and in 1897 is still living.

JOHN,[6] son of Elisha,[5] Elisha,[4] mar. July 12, 1786, *Mary*, dau. of Daniel *Whipple*, High Sheriff under King George III., and while in N.Y. on business *Ethan Allen* is said to have broken up the court and confiscated all his property. Mary was b. Feb. 15, 1767, and d. Oct. 25, 1854. John Kent when but 18 yrs. old, or on Oct. 16, 1780, was surrounded by *Indians* while taking his father's horse to be shod, carried to Montreal, and kept a *prisoner* for 18 months. He drew a pension for services in the Revolution, and after his death his widow still received his pension until her death. He moved from *Windsor, Vt.*, where he received a section of land because he was the *first child* born in the township, to *Villanova, N. Y.*, in 1809. He d., records his tombstone, in Gowanda, N.Y., Aug. 11, 1834, aged 73.

JOHN and MARY WHIPPLE KENT had children:

I., II., III., who d. young.

IV. MARY, b. Oct. 7, 1789;

mar. Sept. 23, 1810, Dr. Ebenezer Dighton, and had 4 chil.: **1, 2,** d. young. **3.** *Francis A.*, b. Oct. 7, 1812; of *Uniontown Coll., 1825–7*, and d. 1838, while minister of the M.E. Church. He was very eloquent. **4.** Mary Ann, b. 1816; mar. 1838, R. W. Carley of Athens, O., and had 5 chil., of whom: 1. Frank D., b. Jan. 19, 1839, *grad. State Coll. Ohio* 1858; and 2. Delia A., b. Sept. 11, 1840, *grad. Wesleyan Female Coll.*, Cincinnati, O., 1859.

V. JOHN P.,[7] b. Oct. 4, 1792; mar. June, 1825, Maria Dean, and has a son James residing in Brooklyn, N.Y.

VI. ANNA, b. Mch. 17, 1793(?);

mar. Oct. 7, 1824, A. H. Lee, and had chil.; their oldest, *Clinton W.*, b. Jan. 16, 1826, *grad. Delaware Coll., O.*, 1851–2.

ELISHA,[6] son of Elisha,[5] Elisha,[4] mar. Nov. 31, 1785, *Alice Flynn*, b. July 21, 1763, of Royalton, Vt.: d. Mch. 15, 1837. He d. Mch. 10, 1826. *They had children:*

I. BARZILLIA, b. June 3, 1788; d. May 7, 1814; unmarried.

II. POLLY, b. Feb. 10, 1790;

mar. Thomas Hinckley, removed to the vicinity of Lansing, Mich., and had chil.: **1.** Hiram. **2.** Charles. **3.** Henry. **4.** Laura. **5.** Alice.

III. HANNAH, b. Feb. 5, 1792;

mar. Tracy Bingham, and had chil.: **1.** Flynn(?). **2.** Willard. **3.** Tracy Flynn, now of Farwell, Mich.

IV. ANNA, b. Feb. 21, 1794;

mar. Nov. 19, 1819, Harry Cheney, b. Mch. 10, 1791; d. Oct. 13, 1822. They had one child, Anne Marie, b. Nov. 15, 1820, who mar. Oct. 28, 1845, Isaac Tyler Morgan of Bethel, Vt., who was b. Nov. 13, 1822, and d. May 26, 1859. She d. Oct. 1, 1865. They had 3 chil.: *1. Percy*, b. Apl. 15, 1849; d. Aug. 25, 1850. *2. Edward*, b. Apl. 20, 1851; mar. May 10, 1881, Corisande Shaw, b. Nov. 16, 1855, of Jamestown, N.Y., and by her had one child, Genevieve, b. May 23, 1884. *3. Fred*, b. Sept. 15, 1853; mar. May 22, 1878, Sara Hamm, who was b. Mch. 28, 1856, and d. May 11, 1897, in Warren, Pa. He d. Aug. 29, 1885, in Oil City, Pa., where their one child, Marie, was b. Mch. 1, 1879.

V. ELISHA,[7] b. Mch. 1, 1796; d. Mch. 11, 1831; unmarried.

VI. ELIZABETH, b. Apl. 12, 1798; d. July 19, 1813; unmarried.

VII. ARCHIBALD,[7] b. Mch. 28, 1800.

VIII. ALICE, b. May 1, 1802; mar. Oramel Skinner and d. Feb. 28, 1851.

IX. SYBIL, b. July 8, 1804; d. Aug. 23, 1850.

JOSEPH MOSS,[6] son of Elisha,[5] Elisha,[4] mar., 1799–1800, *Patty Bugbee* of Woodstock, Ct., and abt. 1815 moved from *Royalton, Vt., to Cherry Creek, N.Y.*

JOSEPH MOSS and PATTY BUGBEE KENT had children:

I. NANCY, b. 1800; mar. Eliphalet W. Wilcox; and d. Apl. 24, 1873, aged 74.

II. GEORGE,[7] b. 1804; mar. *Phœbe King*, who d. Apl. 7, 1878, aged 76 yrs. 1 mo. 22 ds. He d. Cherry Creek (tombstone) Mch. 12, 1834, aged 30 yrs. 1 mo. 20 ds.

III. DOLLY, b. Oct. 4, 1805;
mar. Ward King of Cherry Creek, but b. in Hancock, Mass., May 1, 1801, and d. Nov. 11, 1856. They had chil.: **1.** Jane Ann, b. Mch. 17, 1829. **2.** Lois, b. Aug. 30, 1830. **3.** Eliza, b. Nov. 9, 1832. **4.** Lyman, b. Mch. 1, 1834. **5.** George, b. July 20, 1836. **6.** John, b. Mch. 29, 1838. **7.** Lucy, b. Feb. 10, 1839. **8.** Lucy Aurelia, b. Nov. 21, 1840. **9.** William and **10.** Willett, twins, b. Apl. 16, 1844.

IV. POLLY, b. 1808; mar. 1st, John S. Smith abt. 1827; 2nd, Pearly Hines; and d. in Girard, Pa.

V. ELISHA,[7] b. 1810; mar. *Lydia Ann Bentley* and resided in Lexington, Ill.

VI. SAMUEL BRAZILLA,[7] b. Jany. 24, 1812; mar. *Charlotte T. Green* Oct. 28, 1832, and d. at Cherry Creek Apl. 12, 1879, without issue.

VII. JOSEPH,[7] b. Jany. 22, 1814, in Cortland County, N.Y.; moved with his father to Cherry Creek, where he was known as the *Lumber King of the Upper Connewango.*

VIII. LYDIA, b. Sept. 1, 1818; mar. Charles B. Green; and d. Oct. 2, 1862, Cherry Creek.

IX. ARA WILLIAM,[7] b. July 19, 1821.

ABNER,[6] son of Elisha,[5] Elisha,[4] mar. Jane Hunter, who d. Sept. 12, 1854, aged 82. He d. Sept. 17, 1860, aged 80. They had children:

I. SARAH, b. 1807; d. Dec. 11, 1850; unmarried.

II. LAVINIA, b. . . . ; mar. . . . Clark.

III. ALONZO,[7] b. Sept. 8, 1810.

IV. LEWIS,[7] b. 1812 in Royalton; d. Apl. 7, 1833.

CHARLES,[6] son of Elisha,[5] Elisha,[4] resided in Middlebury, N.Y.

SAMUEL,[6] son of Elisha,[5] Elisha,[4] mar. and moved from *Royalton, Vt.*, to *Aurora, N.Y.* He had sons:

I. ENOS,[7] b. . . . ; moved to Michigan. One *Enos Kent* had a son, *Frank O. Kent*, who in 1897 resides in Geneva, N.Y.; and a dau., *Mrs. Horace Blinn of Buffalo, N. Y.*, in 1897.

II. ALFRED,[7] b. . . . ; mar. and resided at Mt. Morris, N.Y.

ELISHA[6] of Westford, son of Abner,[5] Abner,[4] mar. 1st, June 19, 1800, *Fanny Crouch* of Littleton; she d. Dec. 18, 1812. He mar. 2d, May 19, 1813, *Betsey*, dau. of *Asa Wright*, and widow of Daniel Patch. *By his 1st wife he had children:*

I. ELISHA SEWELL,[7] b. 1800. (One *Henry Sewall Kent* was a member of the Boston Common Council 1829.)

II. DORCAS, b. 1802.

III. JUSTIN,[7] b. 1808.

IV. FANNY, b. 1811; d. Feb. 13, 1813.

By his 2d wife he had children:

V. FANNY, b. 1813.

VI. ALMIRA, b. 1815.

VII. GEORGE,[7] b. 1820. (One *George Kent* was admitted Suffolk Co. Bar in 1817, and *Chas. N. Kent* Dec. 8, 1866.)

WESTFORD, "*Forge Village.*" On the west side of Beaver Brook, near the bridge, was located a house known as the Cogswell place. It was once a hospital for small-pox patients. Following the road to the village we find the next house called the Kent place, at the corner of the road leading to Westford Centre, where was also a blacksmith's shop. Next was the Patch house, occupied by Isaac Patch and *Elisha Kent*. The latter had two wives and five children; the last wife being a sister of Asa Wright.

JAMES KENT of Westford lost a child Mch. 7 and one Mch. 13, 1817.

WARREN KENT and Bethiah Turner of Harvard were mar. Dec. 19, 1786.

When the first note of war was sounded, and President Lincoln called for seventy-five thousand troops to protect Washington, in April, 1861, Governor Andrews ordered the Sixth Massachusetts Regiment, with others, to start at once. Company F of that Regiment, Capt. Chadbourne, had its armory in Lawrence, and eight members of that Company belonged to *Methuen*, as follows: GEORGE KENT *et al.* They were notified of the call late in the forenoon, and immediately reported for duty, and the next morning all left for Washington. On the 19th they made the memorable passage through Baltimore, where they met the first resistance to the Federal troops.

RICHARD PEABODY,[7] son of John,[6] Col. Jacob,[5] was mar. at Littleton June 5, 1832, by Rev. D. Fairbanks, to *Emily Mann Oakes*, b. Barnet, Vt., May 31, 1814; d. July 30, 1888. She was a descendant of Maj. John Mann, and dau. of Henry and

Emily Mann Oakes of Springfield, Vt. Richard d. at Lancaster, N.H., Mch. 30, 1885.

RICHARD P. and EMILY M. OAKES KENT had children:

I. HENRY OAKES,[8] b. Feb. 7, 1834, at Lancaster, N.H.
II. EDWARD RICHARD,[8] b. Feb. 1, 1840.
III. CHARLES NELSON,[8] b. May 14, 1843.

JOHN CHILDS,[7] son of John,[6] Col. Jacob,[5] mar. at Lyman, N.H., Dec. 20, 1837, *Jennette Stuart Shaw*, b. Barnet, Vt., Nov. 28, 1814; d. Clinton, Mass., May 6, 1897; bur. McIndoe Falls, Vt., where her husband d. Jan. 2, 1878:

JOHN C. and JENNETTE S. SHAW KENT had children:

I. JAMES STUART,[8] b. Sept. 9, 1838, at Lyman, now Monroe, N.H.
II. LUCIA, b. June 6, 1842.
III. ADALIN, b. Apl. 17, 1844;
mar. at Berlin, Mass., Oct. 30, 1864, Frederic W. Wheeler, b. Berlin Aug. 9, 1837. They had 3 chil.: **1.** James Daniel, b. Sept. 7, 1866; mar. Oct. 21, 1891, Anna Bessie Haines of Sherbrooke, Prov. Quebec, Can., and has child: Georgina Adalin, b. Bolton, Mass., Jan. 27, 1894. **2.** Loren Charles, b. Bolton July 11, 1869; mar. Aug. 30, 1890, Ada B. Ladd of Worcester, and has child: Hazel May, b. June 10, 1897. **3.** May Jennette, b. May 22, 1874.
IV. EMILY JENNETTE, b. Oct. 18, 1849, at McIndoe Falls; mar. Clinton, Mass., Feb. 24, 1891, Daniel Hallon Maynard, b. Lancaster, now Clinton, Feb. 12, 1842.
V. JOHN WILLIAM,[8] b. Sept. 30, 1853, at Monroe.

ADRIEL,[7] son of John,[6] Col. Jacob,[5] mar. . . . , and d. Oct. 24, 1861, in Burlington, Kan., where he left, among other descendants, Orson Kent.

NELSON,[7] son of John,[6] Col. Jacob,[5] mar. July 16, 1850, *Debby A. Spaulding* of Lancaster, N.H., and *had chil.:*

I. SARAH E., b. Aug. 13, 1852.
II. GEORGE N.,[8] b. July 15, 1857, of Lancaster, who mar. at Dublin, N.H., Sept. 25, 1889, *Mary N. Rice* of Westford, Mass., b. Oct. 25, 1863. They have one child, HAROLD WEEKS,[9] b. Sept. 30, 1890.

SAMUEL P.,[7] son of James,[6] mar. Sept. 27, 1838, *Mary Ann Bean*, b. Deerfield, N.H., July 31, 1810, and who d. Mch. 2, 1892. He d. Piermont, N.H., Sept. 27, 1873. They had children:

I. EMILY H., b. May 31, 1840, Boston; mar. Jan. 25, 1875, William H. Houston. No issue.
II. SARAH A., b. Dec. 13, 1841.
III. JAMES D.,[8] b. July 29, 1844.
IV. MARIANNA, b. Aug. 1, 1847.

ZENAS,[7] son of Zenas,[6] Daniel,[5] mar. . . . , 1811, *Pamelia* (b. Feb. 12, 1794), dau. of Oliver and Lucinda (North) *Lewis* of Farmington, Ct. She d. Kent, O., Oct. 21, 1862; her father and her husband were carpenters and joiners by trade. Zenas went with his father to Mantua, O., in 1812, but soon returned for his wife, and they settled in Hudson, O. In 1815, with Capt. Herman Oviatt, he built a store at Ravenna, O. After a few years Mr. Kent was able from the profits to refund the money he borrowed to start with, and bought out his partner. His success continued, and in 1850 he retired from the then firm of Kent & Brewster. In 1832 he purchased with David Ladd about 600 acres of land in Franklin, which now constitute the village of Kent, and built "Kent's Flouring Mill." From 1849 to 1864 he was *President* of the *Franklin Bank;* and from 1864 until his death in Kent, O., Oct. 4, 1865, at the age of 79, he was *Pres.* of the *Kent Nat'l Bank*, which succeeded the above bank. In 1850 he built a "Cotton Factory" and private residence in Franklin. In 1853 he was elected *Treasurer* of the *Atlantic & Great Western R.R.*, and in 1860 he moved to Cleveland.

ZENAS and PAMELIA LEWIS KENT had children:

I. HARRIET, b. June 6, 1812:

mar. Sept. 1, 1831, Charles Clapp; and d. Kent, O., Jan. 4, 1887, aged 74. He d. Union Village, O., Jan. 24, 1892, aged 84. They had chil.: **1.** Harriet L., b. Oct. 16, 1832; d. Jan. 28, 1842. **2.** Charles H., b June 2, d. June 28, 1834. **3.** Charles K., merchant and manufacturer, also for many years *Cashier of the Kent National Bank*, b. July 15, 1838; mar. Mary Eliza Wood Nov. 26, 1872. They had chil., viz.: 1. Charles W., b. Aug. 6, 1874. 2. Frank S., b. Aug. 22, 1875; d. Mch. 23, 1888. 3. Leon K., b. Mch. 6, 1877. 4. Harold M., b. Apl. 25, 1879. **4.** Ella M., b. Aug. 14, 1840; mar. John C. Southwick, wholesale merchant, New York city, Nov. 1, 1864. They had chil.: 1. John C., Jr., b. Dec. 2, 1865. 2. Susie K., b. July 24, 1868. 3. Horace C., b. June 28, 1871. 4. Clifford, b. June 16, 1875. **5.** George A., b. Mch. 3, 1843; mar. Mary S. Beasley June 18, 1881. They had child: 1. Aline M., b. Aug. 14, 1882. **6.** Edward L., b. Aug. 3, 1845; mar. Margaret Snowden Dec. 25, 1876; d. in San Francisco, Cal., July 24, 1887.

II. HENRY AUGUSTUS,[8] b. Oct. 21, 1814, Hudson, O.

III. MARVIN,[8] b. Sept. 21, 1816, Ravenna, O.

IV. CHARLES H.,[8] b. Aug. 12, 1818.

V. LOUISA, b. Sept. 9, 1820; d. young.

VI. EDWARD,[8] b. Aug. 2, 1823.

VII. ELIZA A., b. May 18, 1825;

mar. Mch. 4, 1845, John Poag, a merchant of N. Y. city. She d. July 4, 1864. He d. Dec. 17, 1867. They had 3 chil.: **1.** Lizzie K., b. Apl. 8, 1846; d. Nov. 24, 1886; mar. 1st, W. H. Langley Jan. 9, 1866; 2nd, James L. Sherman, U.S. Army, Feb. 20, 1869, who d. May 15, 1880, and by whom she had 4 chil.: *1. Charles E.*, b. Jan. 18, 1870. *2. Alyn P.*, b. Mch. 3, d. Mch. 22, 1872. *3. Daisey*, b. Sept. 14, '73; d. Apl. 30, 1874. *4. Cecil K.*, b. Apl. 3, 1878. **2.** Emily K., b. Aug. 5, 1851; mar. Lt. Henry L. Harris, U.S.A., Aug. 19, 1872, and had chil.: *1. Dora A.*, b. Aug. 29, 1873. *2. Henry L.*, b. Aug. 20, 1875. *3. Emily S.*, b. Nov. 30, 1885. **3.** John, b. Feb. 23, 1854; unmarried; a lawyer at Toledo, who was killed by runaway horse.

VIII. GEORGE LEWIS,[8] b. May 13, 1827.

IX. FRANCES E., b. Nov. 19, 1830;

mar. George W. Wells Aug. 27, 1851. They had chil.: **1.** Helen A., b. June 13, 1852; mar. W. H. C. Parkhill Oct. 10, 1876, and has child: *Francis Kent*, b. Jan. 12, 1878. **2.** Harriet K., b. June 9, 1858; mar. P. L. Heffron May 12, 1892, and has child: *Francis Kent*, b. May 7, 1893. **3.** George P., b. Sept. 15, 1862; mar. Nellie Jones Jan. 21, 1889, and has child: *Francis Kent*, b. June 17, 1890. **4.** Frank K., b. Feb. 2, d. Mch. 13, 1868. **5.** Frederic L., b. Feb. 1, d. 19, 1871.

X. EMILY, b. Aug. 13, 1832; mar. Robt. B. Dennis, a lawyer, Sept. 3, 1872.

XI. AMELIA, b. Aug. 23, 1834.

XII. AMELIA L., b. Sept. 26, 1837;

mar. Joseph W. Shively Oct. 5, 1863, surgeon U.S. Navy and medical examiner in Pension Office, Washington, D.C.; d. Feb. 14, 1897. They had chil.: **1.** Emily J., b. Aug. 26, 1864. **2.** Millie K., b. Mch. 6, 1869; d. Apl. 25, 1882(?), aged 13. **3.** Joseph K., b. Oct. 11, 1873.

ROSWELL,[7] son of Zenas,[6] Dan'l,[5] mar. Dec. 31, 1826, *Eliza Hart*, who was b. Aug. 6, 1808, being the *first white child born in Akron, O.*, where she d. Dec. 12, 1893, aged 85. He d. Middlebury, O., July 19, 1871, aged 73.

ROSWELL and ELIZA HART KENT had children:

I. MARY E., b. Aug. 5, 1830; d. Dec. 23, 1850.

II. ELEANOR A., b. May 18, 1837;

mar. Finley McNaughton, by whom she had two chil.: Mary K., who mar. Nath'l P. Goodhere, clerk of Summit Co., O., and Charles H.

III. RUSSELL H.,[8] b. Sept. 26, 1841.

IV. FLORA A., b. Feb. 29, 1844;
mar. Thomas S. Page, and had chil.: **1.** Mabel K., b. Feb. 22, 1866. **2.** Grace E., b. June 24, 1868.

ALSON,[7] son of Zenas,[6] mar. *Eleanor M. Myatt*, who d. June 3, 1858, aged 58. *They had children:*

I. ROSWELL,[8] b. 1830; d. Apl. 15, 1850, aged 20.
II. MARY A., b. May 20, 1831;
mar. Joseph A. Baldwin, and had 2 chil.: Alson Kent, who d. Nov. 20, 1865, aged 11, and Eleanor L., who mar. H. H. Gibbs.
III. FLORA M., d. Mch. 27, 1846, aged 10.
IV. JULIA A., d. Sept. 5, 1890, aged 51.
V. FLORA G., b. Sept. 13, 1849;
mar. Albert S., son of Lorenzo B. Austin, and had 3 chil.: Kent M., Grace M., and Linus B., who d. Mch. 17, 1886.

AMASA,[7] son of Zenas,[6] mar. July 7, 1824, *Eleanor Johnson* of Tolland, Ct., b. Aug. 7, 1807, and d. May 1, 1870. He d. June 4, 1881. They had one child:

I. EDGAR M.,[8] b. Nov. 22, 1828, Aurora, O.

JOHN,[7] son of John,[6] Cephas,[5] mar. Dec. 1, 1791, *Martha Livingston*, who d. Laport, O., 1845, aged 74. He moved from Dorset to Milton, Vt., about 1809, and later to Holland, Vt., where he d. Apl. 5, 1849, aged 100 years. *They had children:*

I. SYLVIA, b. Oct. 26, 1792, Dorset;
mar. Oct. 26, 1815, Daniel (b. Feb. 13, 1794), son of Dea. Benj. and Susanna Jewett Tenney of Temple, N.H., and d. at Thayer, Kan., July 16, 1877. They had chil.: **1.** Emily, b. Dorset, May 18, 1818; mar. in Ohio, Oct. 26, 1847, Augustus Chatlain of Galena, Ill., and d. Apl. 17, 1849, leaving one son. **2.** Horace Addison, b. Grand Isle, Vt., Feb. 22, 1820; mar. Juliette, dau. of Charles Chaney, Dec. 5, 1843. **3.** Henry W., b. Jan. 2, 1822; mar. in Milwaukee, Oct. 18, 1852, widow Hannah Schenkberg, dau. of Sam'l Cable of New York. **4.** Maria E., b. Oct. 19, 1825; mar. Jan. 14, 1847, Lieut. Jas. W. Waggoner of Galena, and aft. of Moline, Ill.; moved to Thayer, Kan., where their chil were born. **5.** Electa, b. Mch. 7, 1830; mar. Oct. 21, 1855, Nelson E. Mills of Vt., aft. of Iowa. She d. June 24, 1887, Denver, Col. **6.** Daniel Kent, b. Dec. 31, 1834; mar. 1856, Mary Jane, dau. of Jeremiah and Meranda C. (Dodge) Marston of Madison, Wis.
II. BUSHNELL,[8] d. Apl. 10, 1849.
III. CHARLES,[8] b. Mch. 27, 1797.
IV. OLIVIA, d. young.
V. MARTHA, b. Dorset Apl. 14, 1804; mar. 1st, Nov. 6, 1826, Alvah Rublee of Milton, Vt.; 2nd, Apl. 10, 1845, Adonikan Farrow.

VI. MARIA, d. young.
VII. SEMANTHA, d. aged 15 at Milton.
VIII. JOHN,[8] d. Milton, aged 18 mos.
IX. LUCY, b. Oct. 23, 1813. Lived in Berkshire with her parents until she mar. Feb. 4, 1833, Spencer, son of Jesse and Susanna Stone Munroe. She d. Richford, Wis., Oct. 16, 1874, aged 61.

JOHN,[7] whose descendants write me he was of the family of Cephas Kent, is evidently the same John who records a deed dated Dec. 25, 1799, of 100 acres of land in lot 42 of Plattsburgh, N.Y., Old Patent, lying abt. 4 miles west of the present Plattsburgh, in what was then a dense wilderness. *Jacob Kent* and *Peter Kent* lived further up in the woods, and about the same time *Helmer Kent*, a blacksmith, lived in the village. He later became a Methodist exhorter and moved with his brother *Abner Kent* to Ellenburgh, Clinton Co., N.Y.

JOHN KENT and his wife had children:
I. BENJAMIN BEACH,[8] b. . . . , Plattsburgh, N.Y.
II. JOHN,[8] b. . . . , in or near Plattsburgh, who if he was not a son of John was probably his nephew.

CEPHAS S.,[7] son of Cephas,[6] Cephas,[5] mar. Dorset, Vt., 1803, *Rhoda Fields*, and d. Augusta, Mich., June 4, 1874, aged 94. They had children:
I. AMOS,[8] b. . . . (No children.)
II. JASON,[8] b. . . . (No children.)
III. AHIRA,[8] b. . . . ; of Augusta, Mich.

SYLVESTER,[7] son of Cephas,[6] Cephas,[5] mar. 1814, *Arabella Harmon* of Paulet, Vt.; and d. in Ohio, 1815, aged 26. He was a physician in Paulet, and left one child, *Alma*.

EBENEZER,[7] son of Cephas,[6] Cephas,[5] mar. 1819, *Laura Belden* of Greenfield, N.Y.; and d. Weathersfield, Ill., Nov. 27, 1884, aged 90, leaving 3 children: **1.** *Charles*,[8] and **2.** *Laura;* and by a second mar. **3.** *Elizabeth Brown*.

WILLIAM J.,[7] son of Cephas,[6] Cephas,[5] mar. 1825, *Submit Childs* of N.Y.; and he d. Flushing, Mich., May 2, 1888, aged 91. *He had children:*
I. WILLIAM C.,[8] b. . . .
II. CEPHAS,[8] b. . . .

III. Lucy, b. . . .
IV. Nancy, b. . . .
V. Abby Haskins, b. . . .
By a second wife he had children:
VI. Stephen M.,[8] b. . . .
VII. Frances, b. . . .
VIII. Henrietta Graham, b. . . .
IX. Elisabeth, b. . . .
X. Milton,[8] b. . . .

ELIPHALET,[7] son of Cephas,[6] Cephas,[5] mar. Aug., 1829, *Fannie Capron* of Tinmouth, Vt.; and d. Mch. 6, 1893, aged 93, at Shelbyville, Ind., where he moved in Oct., 1829. By her *he had children:*

I. Frances M., b. Sept. 4, 1830; mar. Sept. 16, 1847, J. Marshall Elliott of Shelbyville, who d. Mch. 13, 1888, leaving no issue.
II. George E.,[8] b. Sept. 14, 1836.
III. Edward P.,[8] b. June 12, 1838.
By a second wife he had children:
IV. Joseph H.,[8] b. Feb. 4, 1846; mar. Sept. 8, 1870, Nettie C. Harter of Crawfordsville, Ind., and d. in Shelbyville July 4, 1876, leaving one child, *Annie H.*, b. Sept. 15, 1872.
V. Lydia D., b. Dec. 19, 1847; mar. Mch. 10, 1870, Warren W. Snider of Shelbyville. (No children.)

ASAHEL,[7] son of Moses,[6] Cephas,[5] was a farmer and mar. *1st, Olive Dunton*, who was b. Dorset, Vt., Jan. 29, 1785, and d. Hopkinton, N.Y., Apr. 9, 1826, where he also d. July 23, 1866, aged 86. *They had children:*

I. Flora, b. Mch. 10, 1805, Burlington, Vt.; mar. Isaac Snell; and d. Oct., 1869, Hopkinton.
II. Rhoda, b. Feb. 17, 1807; mar. Gideon Sprague.
III. Austin,[8] b. Apl. 27, 1809; d. in Stockholm, N.Y.
IV. Abigail, b. Sept. 18, 1812, Burlington, Vt.; mar. Nath'l Goodnow; and d. Jan. 6, 1868, Hopkinton.
V. William,[8] b. Feb. 25, 1815, Hopkinton; mar. Ann Robeson; and d. Feb. 19, 1873, Stockholm, N.Y.
VI. Olive, b. Sept. 19, 1817; mar. . . . Woodard; and d. Mch. 29, 1875, Stockholm, N.Y.
VII. Waity, b. Mch. 20, 1819; mar. Wm. Manley; and d. in Dorset, Vt.

VIII. HULDAH, b. June 2, 1822; mar. 1st, . . . Tilden; 2d, Nath'l Good of Stockholm.

Asahel Kent mar. 2dly, Charlotte Sheales, and they had children:

IX. CATHERINE, b. Mch. 24, 1831; mar. Fred Hopkins.

X. JAMES,[8] b. Apl. 16, 1833.

MOSES,[7] son of Moses,[6] Cephas,[5] was b. in Dorset and mar. Mch. 26, 1811, *Jerusha Manley* (b. Dorset Jan. 2, 1789). By his own efforts, despite the meagre advantages of those primitive times, he secured a good education. He was a lover of good literature, and was well informed upon that which was current in his day. Through an accident he was rendered unable to perform his usual work for some time, and during this period he followed the vocation of teaching. During the greater part of his life he was engaged in farming, and died at Hopkinton, N.Y., May 10, 1849, his wife's death occurring the following year, Jan. 3, 1850. Mr. Kent was anti-slavery in politics, and both he and his wife were members of the Congregational Church. They had children:

I. MARY, b. and d. 1812, Dorset.

II. DARIUS EDMUND,[8] b. Feb. 22, 1813.

III. LUCIAN HERVEY,[8] b. Aug. 4, 1816.

ARTEMAS,[7] son of Moses,[6] Cephas,[5] was a farmer and mar. 1st, Dec., 1818, *Sarah Weed* of Hinesburgh, Vt., who was b. Oct., 1799, and d. Hopkinton Apl. 21, 1842. He mar. 2d, widow *Rhoda Skinner* of Stockholm, N.Y., in 1845, who d. June 28, 1875. He d. Aug. 20, 1871, in Hopkinton, where he moved from Dorset in 1808. He was a member of the Congregational Church. In politics he was first Whig, then Republican.

ARTEMAS and SARAH WEED KENT had children:

I. JULIA H., b. Oct. 2, 1820; d. unmarried.

II. HULDAH, b. . . . ; d. unmarried.

III. ELLEN, b. . . . ; d. unmarried.

IV. ELLEN J., b. Dec. 22, 1823;

mar. Apl. 25, 1849, Edwin C. Hinsdale, a lawyer. He was b. July 30, 1821, Hinesburgh, Vt.; was a student Ann Arbor 2 yrs.; taught 10 yrs.; Pres. Y.M.C.A. 1875–79; *treasurer of the City of Detroit*, Mich., 1876 to 1884, where his family reside, 1897, at 139 Lafayette Ave., and where he d. June 12, 1894. They had chil.: **1.** Dorothy N., b. July 22, 1853, at Kalamazoo, Mich.; d. Battle Creek Dec. 30, 1854. **2.** Genevieve S., b. Sept. 28, 1855, at Battle Creek. **3.** Mary C., b. Dec. 2, 1857.

Moses Hunt

Jerusha Kent

V. ADALINE S., b. Dec. 5, 1826; unmarried; residing, 1897, Hopkinton.
VI. HENRY BRAINARD,[8] b. Sept. 8, 1827.
VII. FREDERICK H.,[8] b. Nov., 1831; unmarried; living, 1897, Detroit.
VIII. MARY H., b. Oct., 1833; unmarried; living, 1897, Detroit.
IX. CHARLES A.,[8] b. Oct. 11, 1835; mar. Apl. 30, 1874, *Frances C. King*. He *grad. Vermont University*, class of 1856. Studied theology at Andover 1857–9, when he began the study of law in Detroit, where he was later a member of the School Board 4 yrs., and State Tax Commissioner in 1882. He was *Professor* of Law in the *University of Mich.* 1868 to 1886.
X. HARRIET M., b. Oct. 15, 1839; unmarried; living, 1897, Hopkinton.

RUSSELL,[7] son of Moses,[6] Cephas,[5] mar. *Fanny Thatcher*, by whom he had children: **1.** GEORGE.[8] **2.** WILLIAM.[8] **3.** MARTHA. **4.** MARY. He moved with his family to Illinois, where he died.

LAURENS,[7] son of Alexander,[6] mar. Sept. 4, 1822, *Emily Thompson*, and *had children:*
I. MARY ANN, b. Rupert, Vt., May 31, 1823.
II. EMILY AMELIA, b. Mch. 19, 1831.
III. EMMETT,[8] b. Dorset Nov. 8, 1835.
IV. MORTON,[8] b. June 6, 1838.

SAMUEL,[7] son of Col. Elihu,[6] Maj. Elihu,[5] a farmer of Tolland, mar. Mch. 3, 1812, *Melisent W.* (b. Aug. 9, 1790), dau. of Ashel and Elizabeth (Welles) *Steele*. She d. May 6, 1843. He held many public offices, and d. May 28, 1854. *They had children:*
I. ELIZABETH SOPHRONIA, b. Sept. 18, 1817; unmarried.
II. JAMES STEELE,[8] b. July 24, 1819; a merchant in Richmond, Va.; mar. July 23, 1857, *Minnie* (b. Jan., 1833), dau. of Alvan and Sarah (Pinney) *Hyde* of Stafford, Ct. He d. Dec. 3, 1869, without issue.

AZEL FITCH,[7] son of Col. Elihu,[6] Maj. Elihu,[5] mar. Oct. 26, 1811, *Lorinda*, dau. of Sam'l and Lorinda (Morris) *Hathaway* of Windsor and Suffield. She d. Feb. 17, 1857. He d. Apl. 9, 1826. *They had children:*

I. . . . , b. and d. Nov. 27, 1812.

II. GEORGE FITCH,[8] b. June 26, 1814; mar. Oct. 25, 1837, Caroline Patridge of Mogadore, O., and had children: **1.** REUBEN F.,[9] b. July 19, 1845. **2.** FLORA L., b. Feb. 16, 1848.

III. CHARLES ELIHU,[8] b. July 7, 1816; mar. Feb. 1, 1844, *Margaret Wilson*, who d. Nov. 18, 1850. He was a merchant at Cleveland, O. No issue.

Of the WESTERN MASS. and CONN. *Kents:*

JAMES KENT was selectman of W. Springfield 1814–21–23–25–31–32, a petitioner to have the laws printed in the "Hampden Patriot" in 1819, a delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1820, town treas. 1822–34, representative 1812–13–27.

LT. and RUGGLES KENT were selectmen of W. Springfield 1798–99–1822.

HORATIO KENT of W. Springfield mar., 1807, Altamira, dau. of Judah Bagg. She was b. 1781; d. 1812.

CAROLINE KENT of W. Springfield and Mathew Copeley, int. of mar. pub. May 5, 1779.

. . . SODAH KENT of W. Springfield and Eben Hale of Enfield, int. of mar. pub. June 1, 1776.

THEODA KENT of W. Springfield and Gideon Adams, int. of mar. pub. Jan. 24, 1778.

MRS. DINAH KENT of Simsbury and Isaac Stiles of W. Springfield, int. of mar. pub. Sept. 16, 1775.

ROXANA KENT and Moses Adams, Jr., of W. Springfield were mar. Dec. 18, 1777, by Rev. Mr. Griswold.

APOLLOS KENT of Suffield and Margaret Stephenson of W. Springfield were mar. Aug. 1, 1792.

ASAHEL KENT of W. Springfield and Sarah Leonard, int. of mar. pub. Jan. 19, 1783.

MARY KENT of W. Springfield and Jno. Hale of Enfield, int. of mar. pub. June 1, 1776.

ANNA KENT of Shirley, Mass., mar. Israel Longley, who was b. at Groton Oct. 12, 1745; d. Sept. 16, 1824.

MIRIAM BRIGGS of Brookfield, Mass., mar. Jan. 1, 1795, Joshua Hill of Spencer.

ANTHONY KENT of Mount Tabor, Mass., was a soldier in the Union Army 1861–64.

HENRY K. KENT resided West Stockbridge, Berkshire Co.

HENRY KENT of Suffield, Conn., mar. Apl. 8, 1813, Polly Leavitt, who was b. Feb. 17, 1787, and had children: 1. HENRY SIKES, b. Feb. 11, 1814. 2. MARY LEAVITT, b. Jan. 8, 1816. 3. JOHN HAYDEN, b. Nov. 13, 1817. 4. EMMELINE KING, b. May 13, 1822. 5. ALBERT MASON, b. Dec. 27, 1825.

Charles Clapp, b. June 2, 1807; mar. *Harriet Kent;* lived in Akron, O., and had five children. He united with the Shakers in Apl., 1846. The family afterwards lived in Brooklyn, N.Y., with her brother, *Henry A. Kent.*

Levi Clapp, oldest son of Charles and Abigail (Clark) Clapp, was b. Feb. 11, 1794. He was a merchant in Worcester, Mass., and mar. 1st, Nov. 16, 1815, Sarah Huntington (b. Nov. 4, 1793; d. Feb. 6, 1821); 2d, Oct. 15, 1821, Laura Drury (b. May 10, 1798; d. Aug. 20, 1847); 3d, Feb. 22, 1848, *Caroline C. Kent*, b. Mch. 19, 1812. He d. Dec. 7, 1854.

Elijah Clapp, b. Oct. 3, 1814; mar. *Eliza Kent*, and has a dau., Ellen, b. about 1840.

MARTIN,[7] son of Martin,[6] Maj. Elihu,[5] mar. 1st, . . . ; 2d, Sept. 23, 1823, *Harriet* (b. Dec. 28, 1803), dau. of Sam'l and Lorinda (Morris) *Hathaway.* He d. Jan. 29, 1835. He had 1 child by his first and 4 by his second wife:

I. CHARLES,[8] a lawyer in Toledo, O.
II. GEORGE,[8] b. Sept. 20, 1824; mar. Oct. 24, 1848, *Ann P. Holcombe.*
III. HORACE,[8] b. Nov. 30, 1827; mar. Apl. 7, 1849, *Jemima Ann Peck.*
IV. EMILY, b. July 28, 1830; d. Oct. 18, 1842.
V. CHARITY MARIA, b. Feb. 23, 1833.

HORACE L.,[7] son of Martin,[6] Maj. Elihu,[5] mar. Aug. 10, 1830, *Elizabeth* (b. Aug. 25, 1813), dau. of Herman (b. Granville, Mass., 1787) and Hetty (Smith, b. N.Y., 1786; d. 1859) *Baldwin* of New York. He d. Richmond, Va., Feb. 26, 1882 (of "gout in the stomach"). *They had children:*

I. FRANCES ELIZABETH, b. June 10, 1831; mar. Feb. 24, 1852, Col. Wm. Preston Munford, b. Nov. 9, 1818.
II. HORACE BALDWIN,[8] b. Jan. 4, 1833; mar. June 6, 1855,

Ellen Gillette of Westfield, Mass., a *grad. Homœopathic Med. Coll.*, by whom he had one child, *Ida Viola*, b. June 21, 1856. He was lost at sea, Sept. 12, 1857, on the steamship "Central America," while on her way from Aspinwall to New York. His widow mar. . . . Holcombe of N.Y.

III. CHARLES EDWARD,[8] b. May 25, 1834; mar. Oct. 9, 1856, *Virginia G.* (b. Mch. 21, 1837), dau. of Geo. Thackeray Fauntleroy and Virginia (Garland) *Lorrimer* of Essex County, Va., by whom he had children: **1.** FLORENCE GARLAND, b. May 25, 1858. **2.** MINNIE HYDE, b. Oct. 27, 1868.

IV. LOUISE, b. Nov., 1836;
mar. June 28, 1864, Charles Fenton (b. June 12, 1835), son of Benj. Howard and Grace Fenton (Brooke) Smith of Fredericksburg, Va. He is a banker in Richmond and has chil.: **1.** Elizabeth Fenton, b. Oct. 16, 1865. **2.** Edward Howard, b. Feb. 24, 1867. **3.** Arthur Peticolas, b. Sept. 23, 1868. **4.** Grace Burke, b. Jan. 10, 1873.

V. MARY AUGUSTA, b. Apl. 29, 1838;
mar. Dec. 6, 1860, Jarrius Albert (b. July 11, 1835, Henrico Co., Va.), son of Albert Austin and Sarah Ann (Trueheart) Morris. He is in 1897 a merchant in Richmond.

VI. EMMA BALDWIN, b. Aug. 10, 1840;
mar. Dec. 15, 1869, John Brown (b. Powhatan Co., Va., May 29, 1838), son of John Brown and Ellen Scott (Trueheart) Tinsley. They reside, 1897, in Richmond.

VII. MARGARET FITCH, b. Jan. 17, 1842;
mar. Jan. 29, 1873, James Marshall Caldwell. They have one child, Horace Kent, b. Feb. 4, 1874.

VIII. LAURA VIRGINIA, b. July 29, 1843.

IX. GEORGE MERVIN,[8] b. Oct. 20, 1844; was killed on Danville R.R., near Richmond, July 3, 1862, while returning from a visit to his sister at the "Amelia Springs."

X. STELLA, b. Feb. 28, 1846.

XI. GERTRUDE HUNTINGTON, b. Jan. 16, 1848.

XII. ALICE LEAVITT, b. Nov. 4, 1850.

XIII. CLARA MUNFORD, b. Jan. 5, 1853.

ALEXANDER EDSON,[7] son of Gamaliel,[6] Maj. Elihu,[5] mar. 1st, Nov. 8, 1826, *Lucy Matilda* (b. Dec. 29, 1806), dau. of Benj. S. and Rebecca *Bull* of New Lebanon, N.Y. She d. Sept. 14, 1841. He mar. 2d, Oct. 20, 1842, *Hannah* (b. Apl. 17, 1811), dau. of Wm. and Betsy C. *Morford* of Solon, O. He was a farmer in Bainbridge, O., and by his first wife ***had children:***

Alonzo Kent.

I. LYMAN EDSON,[8] b. Aug. 23, 1827.

II. REBECCA MATILDA, b. Apl. 24, 1829;
mar. Dec. 20, 1848, Thomas William (b. May 10, 1827), son of *Alanson* and *Mary Briggs* of Watertown, Mich. She d. Bainbridge, O., Aug. 7, 1860, leaving one child, Henry Lyman, b. Nov. 10, 1850.

III. ELIZABETH B., b. Feb. 9, 1831; later a teacher in Cleveland, O.

IV. DELIA EDITH, b. Mch. 23, 1833;
mar. Dec. 6, 1854, Henry Cornelius (b. May 9), son of Asaph and Deborah (Nye) Ely of Boston, Mass., who d. in Richfield, O., Sept. 24, 1862, aged 29.

V. LAURA ANN, b. Mch. 5, 1835;
mar. Nov. 25, 1856, Austin Zaccheus (b. Aug. 8, 1835), son of Ira and Sophronia (Smith) Mason of Cortland Co., N.Y. He moved to Appleton, Wis., and 1865 to Adrian, Mich. She d. Apl. 12, 1865.

VI. LUCY CLEMENZA, b. June 15, 1837; of Bainbridge, 1897; unmarried.

VII. HAMPTON HUNTINGTON,[8] b. Mch. 13, 1840; a farmer of Bainbridge who enlisted as a volunteer in the late war, and was discharged on account of sickness Aug., 1864.

By his 2d wife Alex. E. Kent had children:

VIII. ABIAH ARABELLA, b. Sept. 27, 1843; d. June 23, 1853.

IX. ALEXANDER GAMALIEL,[8] b. Apl. 13, 1845; a merchant of Bainbridge in 1897.

X. ALICE CASSANDRA, b. Nov. 27, 1846;
mar. June 7, 1866, Lucas Hurd of Austin, O., by whom she had one child, Walter, b. Dec. 31, 1867.

XI. HENRY MARTYN,[8] b. Sept. 8, 1848.

WILLIAM,[7] son of James,[6] Moss,[5] Elisha,[4] was a *U.S. Circuit Judge*, residing in N.Y. He mar. at New York Helen Riggs, b. May 18, 1802, and d. July 30, 1870, at Fishkill Landing, N.Y. He d. Jan. 4, 1861. *They had one child:*

I. JAMES,[8] b. Sept. 21, 1830.

ARCHIBALD,[7] son of Elisha,[6] Elisha,[5] Elisha,[4] mar. Sept. 7, 1835, *Emeline Morgan* of Royalton, Vt., who was b. Sept. 2, 1809, and d. Oct. 3, 1864, at Chelsea, Vt. He d. May 26, 1849, at Royalton, on the old homestead. *They had children:*

I. ARCHIBALD FLYNN,[8] b. Mch. 22, 1837.

II. ELLEN MARIA, a twin, b. Mch. 20, 1838;
mar. Sept. 7, 1858, John Phillips Clement of Andover, Mass., who was b. Mch. 2, 1826, and d. June 20, 1873, or Jan. 20, 1875,

Norwich, Vt. They had chil.: **1.** Gertrude Eliza, b. Sept. 22, 1860, at Madison, Wis. (unmarried). **2.** Edith Phillips, b. Madison Aug.-Sept. 7, 1862; d. Corry, Pa., Nov. 12, 1878.

III. ELIZA ANN, a twin, b. Mch. 20, 1838; unmarried.

IV. ALBA MORGAN,[8] b. Apl. 3, 1841; mar. June 12, 1873, *Rose Hall-Wetmore*, and they have one child, MORGAN BOSTWICK,[9] b. Jamestown, N.Y., May 21, 1878.

V. ALICE FLYNN, b. 1843; d. 1850.

VI. WALTER, b. 1845; d. 1846.

VII. GERTRUDE MARY, b. Apl. 10, 1847; mar. Jan. 20–22, 1889, Emmett H. Bemis, b. Oct. 12, 1846.

VIII. CHARLES, b. Oct., 1849; d. 1850.

JOSEPH,[7] son of Joseph Moss,[6] Elisha,[5] mar. 1st, Nov. 20, 1837, *Maria Vedder* of Otsego Co., N.Y., who d. in childbed. He mar. 2d, Nov., 1839, *Rachel E. Vedder*. He resided Cherry Creek, where he d. Nov. 1, 1885. He had one child by his first wife and two by his second wife.

I. GEORGE A. S.,[8] b. 1838.

II. MARIAM, b. . . .

III. EMORY,[8] b. . . .

ARA WILLIAM,[7] son of Joseph Moss,[6] Elisha,[5] mar. Sept., 1849, *Lucy Ann Neat* of Ellicott, N.Y., b. Mch. 16, 1834. In 1897 they were living in Levant, N.Y. *They had children:*

I. WALTER HENRY,[8] b. Ellicott, near Levant, Mch. 29, 1851. *Grad. Cornell University* (B.S.) 1876; M.S. 1880; and of the University of *Gottingen, Germany* (Ph.D.), 1884. *Instructor* in Chemistry, *Cornell University*, 1877–1881. *Professor* of Chemistry, *Drake University*, Des Moines, Ia., 1881–1882. *Chemist* of the Department of Health, *City of Brooklyn*, 1885–1894. *Chemist* in the *U.S. Navy*, Navy Yard, N.Y., since 1895. Never married. For portrait see the "American University Magazine," April, 1895, p. 420.

II. JOSEPHINE HULDAH ZERUAH, b. Cherry Creek June 22, 1853;

mar. Apl. 11, 1878, William Mee of Levant, near where they reside (1897). They have had chil.: **1.** Anna L., b. May 3, 1879. **2.** William W., b. Sept. 23, 1883. **3.** Thomas, b. May 21, 1887; d. Sept. 30, 1892. **4.** Clarence, b. June 14, 1889. **5.** Raymond, b. Jan. 15, 1894.

III. LYDIA ADELAIDE, b. Mch. 10, 1856;

mar. Clarence E. Gifford at Busti, Chautauqua Co., Aug. 10, 1881; d. without issue at Lewiston, Pa., Nov. 30, 1885, and was bur. Lake View Cemetery, Jamestown, N.Y.

ALONZO,[7] son of Abner,[6] Elisha,[5] moved from Royalton in 1832 to Jamestown, N.Y., and on Jan. 23, 1834, mar. *Mercy Rice.* He built the *first modern house* in Jamestown, where they celebrated their golden wedding in 1884. She was b. Dec. 26, 1814, and d. June 8, 1886. He d. May 25, 1888. *They had children:*

I. Emogene, b. 1838; d. 1842.

II. & III. } twins { Edward, d. young / Ellen Genevieve } b. June 29, 1842.

Ellen G. mar. in Jamestown Apl. 3, 1873, Spoor Mackey, and d. May 16, 1897, in Florence, Italy. They had chil.: **1.** Alonzo Kent, b. at Jamestown June 26, 1875; d. Rochester Apl. 19, 1894. **2.** Edward Morgan, b. Chicago Dec. 6, 1877.

IV. Alonzo Francis,[8] b. Jan. 23, 1846; mar. Aug. 29, 1878, *Maggie Cook*, who d. Oct. 28, 1890.

V. Lilla Augusta, b. Oct. 12, 1852;

mar. at Jamestown Feb. 5, 1880, Charles Pliny Bromley, b. in Albany Apl. 6, 1845. They have had chil.: **1.** Charles Augustus, b. and d. at Avon, N.Y., June 23, 1882. **2.** Pliny Daniel, b. Rochester July 1, 1883. **3.** Sylvia, b. Florence, Italy, Sept. 22, 1890. **4.** Kent, b. Florence, Italy, May 10, 1892.

HENRY OAKES,[8] son of Richard P.,[7] John,[6] was mar. Boston Jan. 11, 1859, by Dr. Edw. N. Kirk, to *Berenice Adaline* (b. West Concord, Vt., Sept. 27, 1835), dau. of Sam'l and Evaline (Page) *Rowell.* They reside in Lancaster, N.H., in 1897, and *have children:*

I. Berenice Emily, b. Oct. 31, 1866.

II. Henry Percy,[9] b. Mch. 7, 1870.

EDWARD RICHARD,[8] son of Rich. P.,[7] John,[6] was mar. Jan. 16, 1862, to *Adeline D.*, dau. of Azro and Sophia (Morse) *Burton* of Guildhall, Vt., by Rev. Wm. Sewall. *They had children:*

I. Annie Oakes, b. Mch. 10, 1869; mar. June 20, 1889, Alpha B. Forbush of Berlin, N.H., and has child: Kathleen Kent, b. July, 1894.

II. Emily Mann, b. July 12, 1872; d. Jan. 29, 1874.

III. Nellie Burton, b. Apl. 9, 1874; mar. Oct. 6, 1897, Stetson Ward Cushing of Lancaster.

IV. Elizabeth May, b. May 14, 1877.

V. Mabel Mann, b. Aug. 2, 1883.

VI. Margaret, b. Mch. 20, 1888.

CHARLES NELSON,[8] son of Richard P.,[7] John,[6] mar. June 2, 1868, *Julia Allen Draper*, b. Oct. 18, 1845. *They had children:*

I. Helen Barnard, b. July 12, 1869; d. Oct. 20, 1874.
II. Geo. Rowell, b. Dec. 27, 1871; d. Dec. 30, 1872.
III. Richard Peabody,[9] b. Nov. 11, 1873.
IV. Charles Nelson,[9] b. June 24, 1875.
V. Julia Draper, b. June 14, 1879.
VI. Mary, b. Dec. 8, 1881.
VII. Ruth, b. Nov. 24, 1883.
VIII. William Draper, b. Mch. 27, d. Apl. 7, 1886.
IX. Lucy, b. July 3, 1888.

JAMES STUART,[8] son of John C.,[7] John,[6] mar. Nov., 1861, *Angie Day* of Littleton, N.H. He was *killed at Gettysburg* July 4, 1863. The following is a copy of a letter received from him nearly a year prior to his death:

Camp near Sharpsburg, Md.,
Sept. 22, 1862.

Dear Mother:

As this is our third day of rest, I must try to write you a letter after so long a silence. I haven't had time to write before since I left the hospital, only just enough to let the folks know I was alive. Have marched every day—been in three or four battles and skirmishes, etc., which I call rather rough on a sick man, but my health and strength are steadily improving, I think, so I shall be able to go through the campaign if I escape the bullets. I was in the battle on the (South) Mountain Sunday evening, was out skirmishing next morning before breakfast; after breakfast I heard where there was a squad of rebs, and taking a couple of boys with me went and got them, nine in all. Some of them were inclined to show fight, but when they found Sharpe's rifles bearing on them they concluded to surrender. We followed the retreating rebels that day till we got into an artillery fight; next day we had a skirmish just at night. Wed. morning they got us up at daylight, and marched us to the battlefield, and didn't we get a hot breakfast that morning! We were engaged about four hours, tho' it did not seem fifteen minutes to me. We had been fighting in line some time when the Adjutant caught the colors and rushed ahead, saying, "They are running, come on, boys!" Quickly as I could gather up a box of cartridges I had lying on the ground loose, I followed, and was so busy loading and firing I saw nothing of a brigade of rebels coming down on our left till I heard a Lieut. sing out, "Retreat, boys, we are surrounded!" Upon that I started to go back to the cornfield through which we had advanced, but I found I was so lame and tired I could hardly walk. I tell you, the excitement of the battlefield will tire a man beyond anything I ever experienced. I could see nothing of the Adjt., but on looking around again I saw the rebs coming down on us in the form of a V. Just then our colors dropped, the bearer being wounded; I turned back into the storm and *picked up the colors and the gun* and brought them off in safety. Then we rallied a few men round the old flag and took our stand behind Battery B. The battery boys were afraid they would lose their guns, and wanted to limber up and be off, but we told them their guns should not be taken, and General Gibbon put in a double charge of grape and sighted the gun himself. When that charge went into the ranks of the rebels it lifted a whole windrow of them twelve feet into the air. I saw whole bodies, arms, legs, and all sorts of fragments above the corn for a moment, but they, the rebs, stopped coming towards us about that

time. That discharge carried *whole rails from the fence clear into their ranks.* As I was coming off the field a solid shot came bounding over the fence into the road. I stopped just in time to save myself; the next step would have been in its track. I was out on the battlefield yesterday and counted about eighty dead where we fired on them. One of the prisoners said Sharpe's rifles were too sure for them. I fired thirty-six rounds as coolly as if shooting at a target. Should have fired more, but the officers told us to save our ammunition as the rebs were saving theirs. We piled a perfect windrow under the fence, where they lay, but it cost us dear. Our Col. and Sergt.-Major were wounded; our Adjt., 2nd Lieut. of our Co., and 1st Lieut. of Co. B killed. Capt. of Co. A and Lieut. commanding Co. C and Lieut. of Co. B wounded. Two men killed and ten wounded out of the seventeen in our Co. who went into battle. But the Iron Brigade stood its ground till reënforcements came up, and now hardly numbers 300 guns. An officer told the Col. commanding our brigade he never saw men stand against such odds and in such a fire, and it was a shame if they put us in again, but we are good for twice our number yet. My sheet is full, so once more good-by.

From your aff. son,

James S. Kent.

P.S. Have just signed a certificate for a sick man, *J. S. Kent*, Corp. Com'd'g Co. G., U.S. S.S.

JOHN WILLIAM,[8] son of John C.,[7] John,[6] mar. 1885, *Flora Dutton* of Holland, Mich., *and had children:*

I. Francis Moulton,[9] b. Dec. 29, 1889, at Muskegon, Mich.

II. James Peabody,[9] b. Oct. 10, 1894.

JAMES D.,[8] son of Sam'l P.,[7] mar. Nov., 1868, *Emma H. Dodge* of Medfield, Mass. *They had children:*

I. Harry H.,[9] b. Aug. 4, 1871; mar. 1891, *Emma L. Osgood* of Lynn, Mass., and they have children: **1.** Winifred L., b. Nov. 8, 1891. **2.** Alice G., b. Oct. 1, 1892. **3.** Ruth H., b. May, 1894.

II. Fred H.,[9] b. May 10, 1873; *grad. Harvard Coll. 1894.*

III. James D.,[9] b. Nov. 25, 1876.

IV. Gilbert Ray,[9] b. Feb. 10, 1879.

HENRY AUGUSTUS,[8] son of Zenas,[7] Zenas,[6] moved to New York City in 1835, where, as a wholesale grocer, he became a prominent business man. He mar. 1st, June 2, 1845, *Sarah M. Wells*, who d. May 11, 1856, aged 32. He mar. 2d *Amelia C.*, widow of Geo. O. *Russell* of Middletown, Ct.

Henry A. and Sarah M. Wells Kent had children:

I. Susan Wells, b. Jan. 20, 1846;

mar. Oct. 10, 1872, Henry C. Hopkins, a banker and broker. They had chil.: **1.** Henry Kent, b. Aug. 16, 1873. **2.** Gerald Wells, b. Oct. 3, 1875. **3.** Ethel Hopkins, b. Nov. 28, 1881.

II. Henry A.,[9] b. Apl. 28, 1848; d. San Francisco June 6, 1878; unmarried; aged 30.

III. FANNY E., b. Dec. 2, 1850;
mar. Dec. 27, 1877, Col. Joseph P. Sanger, *U.S.A.*, and had chil.: **1.** Edith Kent, b. Jan. 1, 1879. **2.** Walter Prentiss, b. Aug. 14, 1881.

IV. SHELDON L.,[9] b. Jan. 25, 1853; mar. Dec. 25, 1882, *Sarah Foster*. He is a broker, and member of the N.Y. Stock Exchange, 1897.

V. WALTER L.,[9] b. Aug. 11, 1855; an accountant; mar. Nov. 17, 1880, *Caroline Humphreys*. They have children: **1.** PERCY GEORGE,[10] now a manufacturer. **2.** SARAH WELLS. **3.** HENRY AUGUSTUS.[10]

MARVIN,[8] son of Zenas,[7] Zenas,[6] Daniel,[5] mar. Dec. 24, 1840, *Maria* (b. Franklin, now Kent, O., Aug. 25, 1821), dau. of Col. Wm. *Stewart*. Marvin Kent was brought up in the mercantile business in his father's store, and continued in that business for many years on his own account. Subsequently he became extensively engaged in the tanning and currying business and in the manufacture of window glass, also in the manufacture of flour. At one time he was manager of a tannery in a building erected by his father and Capt. John Brown of Harper's Ferry notoriety. His chief undertaking and the crowning effort of his life was the inception, projection, and inauguration of the Atlantic & Great Western R.R., of which organization he was President from July 8, 1851, to Sept. 30, 1864, excepting about three years. After being changed to the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad it was leased to and finally purchased by the Erie Railroad Company. In 1865 he became *President* of the *Kent National Bank*, which position he still occupies (1897). In 1875 he was elected *State Senator*, and served two years, declining a renomination.

MARVIN and MARIA STEWART KENT had two sons, viz.:

I. HENRY LEWIS,[9] b. at Kent Feb. 14, 1843; d. N.Y. City Apl. 21, 1873. Before reaching legal age he served as *Assistant Paymaster* of the *Atlantic & Great Western R.R.* He was afterwards engaged in the mercantile business and became *Vice-President* of the *Kent National Bank*. He mar. *Josephine A. Collins* of Akron, O., Oct. 12, 1864, who d. Springfield, Mass., Oct. 9, 1896, and by whom he had two dau.: **1.** GRACE EMILY, who mar. Charles E. Curtiss, and has 2 chil.: *Marvin Kent*, b. Oct. 10, 1890, and *Josephine Collins*, b. June, 1892. **2.** ELLA SOUTHWICK, who mar. John Reed, and has one child, *Eleanor S.*, b. June, 1895.

II. WILLIAM STEWART,[9] b. Ravenna Aug. 24, 1847; mar. Oct. 19, 1865, *Kittie M. North*, who d. May 28, 1886. He was a merchant, and for many years *Vice-Pres. Kent Nat. Bank*. No living children.

CHARLES H.,[8] son of Zenas,[7] mar. Jan. 14, 1841, *Mary E. Burritt*. He built the window-glass works at Kent. For four years he was *Mayor of Kent, O.* He d. Feb. 28, 1887. He had son: **1.** CHARLES BURRITT,[9] who mar. July 12, 1871, Carrie M. Pratt, by whom he had chil.: **1.** PAUL,[10] b. Oct. 12, 1873. **2.** BESSIE, b. Sept. 8, 1875.

EDWARD,[8] son of Zenas,[7] Zenas,[6] Daniel,[5] was for many years a wholesale merchant in N.Y. City, a banker, and also engaged in the construction of railroads with *Henry A. Kent* and Dr. W. S. Streator. He mar. Oct. 24, 1849, *Artemesia Streator*, by whom he had children:

I. EDWARD,[9] b. . . . ; mar. *Melvina Moore*, and has chil.: **1.** KATHERINE MOORE, b. Apl. 7, 1880. **2.** ARTIE LOUISE, b. Mch. 17, 1881. **3.** EDWARD NICHOLS,[10] b. Feb. 18, 1886. **4.** RUTH, b. Oct. 18, 1887. **5.** RALPH,[10] b. Oct. 14, 1889. **6.** RICHARD J.,[10] b. Sept. 13, 1892.

II. FRANK W.,[9] b. Aug. 15, 1854; a prominent insurance manager of N.Y. City; mar. Jan. 25, 1873, *Anna Julian*.

III. ROBERT S.,[9] b. June 15, 1857; in the Erie R.R. office 1897; mar. *Sarah Holden*, by whom he has chil.: **1.** HENRY STREATOR, d. young. **2.** EMILY, b. Jan. 27, 1895. **3.** HENRY LEWIS,[10] b. Jan. 8, 1897.

IV. HELEN, b. Feb. 13, 1860; d. Jan. 24, 1861.

V. CLARA, b. Jan. 30, d. Aug. 11, 1864.

VI. HENRY R.,[9] b. Feb. 1, 1866; mar. Feb. 9, 1893, *Agnes Maud Dickenson*, and had one child, b. Nov. 28, 1893: HENRY RUSSELL;[10] d. Mch., 1894.

VII. ARTHUR L.,[9] b. June 25, 1869; a lawyer.

VIII. EMILY, b. Jan.(?) 31, 1872;
mar. June 12, 1895, Rev. David North Kirkby and has child: 1. Kent Shirly, b. Apl. 7, 1896.

GEORGE LEWIS,[8] son of Zenas,[7] Zenas,[6] Daniel,[5] *grad. Union Coll.* 1849, and became a wholesale merchant N.Y.

City. He mar. 1st, June 1, 1852, *Matilda D. Rockwell*, b. June, 1832; d. 1864. He mar. 2d, June 6, 1866, *Virginia G. Tyron* (or *Tryon*), and d. Dec. 22, 1884.

Children of GEO. L. and MATILDA D. ROCKWELL KENT:

I. GEORGE ROCKWELL,[9] b. July 2, 1853; mar. July 18, 1881, *Sarah H. Banker*, and had children: **1.** ROCKWELL,[10] b. June 21, 1882. **2.** DOUGLASS,[10] b. Feb. 6, 1884. **3.** DORATHA, b. Mch. 21, 1888. He d. Sept. 26, 1887, aged 34.

II. ALICE, b. July 28, 1855;
mar. Apl. 27, 1881, Rev. James Stoddard and has chil.: **1.** Virginia Tryon. **2.** Alice Kent. **3.** Sarah Allen. **4.** George Kent. **5.** James Kent.

III. FREDERIC CLEVELAND,[9] b. Mch. 20, 1857; d. Dec. 10, 1884.

Child of GEO. L. and VIRGINIA TRYON KENT:

IV. PERCY,[9] b. Oct. 17, 1868; a manufacturer.

RUSSELL H.,[8] son of Roswell,[7] Zenas;[6] a manufacturer, and in 1897 Treas. of Akron Stoneware Co.; mar. *Melissa Brewster* and had child, MARY E., b. Aug. 24, 1875.

EDGAR M.,[8] son of Amasa,[7] mar. July 17, 1852, *Eloisa Harmon*, b. June 11, 1834; d. Nov. 4, 1896. He d. Feb. 13, 1873. *They had children:*

I. ANNA, b. July 17, 1853;
mar. Nov., 1876, Albert Giles and has two sons: George, b. Auburn, O., 1878, and Kent, b. New London, O., 1892.

II. DEMAS E.,[9] b. Mantua, Mch. 17, 1855; mar. Dec., 1885, *Mary Salisbury* of Ottawa, Ill., and has one son, b. Ottawa 1894.

III. ZENAS A.,[9] b. Sept. 24, 1860; mar. 1882, *Emma Plum*. They have 3 children, b. in Mantua: HUGH P.,[10] b. 1884, LYNN,[10] b. 1892, and MAY, b. 1893.

IV. ELEANOR E., b. Mch. 1, 1869; a teacher 1897.

V. ARTHUR H.,[9] b. Jan. 19, 1871; mar. Apl., 1897, *Leona Van Epps*.

CHARLES,[8] son of John,[7] John,[6] Cephas,[5] mar. Feb. 5, 1824, *Eunice Green*, who was b. Jan. 24, 1802, and d. July 21, 1846. He d. Oct. 23, 1870. They resided in Worcester, Vt., and *had children:*

I. SILAS K.,[9] b. Nov. 16, 1824.

II. LUCIUS M.,[9] b. Oct. 20, 1826.

III. SALLY M., b. Mch. 14, 1828; d. Jan. 27, 1830.

IV. ORVILL G.,[9] b. Feb. 20, 1830; d. Feb. 19, 1831.
V. CASPER B.,[9] b. Mch. 8, 1832. Killed in battle before Petersburgh, Va., June 16, 1864.
VI. M. P., b. Sept. 14, 1835.
VII. LORINDA A., b. Jan. 17, 1838.
VIII. BETSEY ANN M., b. Feb. 25, 1840.
IX. ELLEN J., b. Sept. 27, 1842.

BENJAMIN BEACH,[8] son of John,[7] was b. in Plattsburgh, N.Y., about 1811. His mother returning to the house from the well one day is said to have found a bear standing over the cradle containing her son Benjamin B. She shot the bear, then fainted. Benjamin Beach Kent mar. at Albany (?) *Delilah Mosher. They had children:*

I. JOSEPH ALLEN,[9] b. . . .
II. JOSEPHINE, b. . . .
III. MARY A., b. Dec. 11, 1844, in N.Y.;
mar. 1st, Frederick Castine, in 1863; 2d, Geo. W. Lee, in 1871; 3d, in 1886, Henry Tuttle of Menlo, Ia., where she resides in 1897. She had children by each husband as follows: **1.** Franklyn Warner Castine Lee, b. June 16, 1864, in N.Y. City; a journalist, being editor of the "Rush City Post," Minn., and author of "Two Men and a Girl," "Senator Lars Erikson," and other books; mar. Dec. 28, 1886, at Omaha, Marilla Upright, who was b. July 27, 1867, at Juneau, Wis., and they had chil.: *1. Colice Mildred*, b. Jan. 13, 1888, at No. Platte, Neb. *2. Jerome Addison*, b. Sept. 8, 1890, at St. Paul, Minn. **2.** Jessie Grace, b. Aug., 1877; d. 1881, Brooklyn, N.Y. **3.** Oscar Kent, b. Feb. 2, 1879, at Brooklyn. **4.** Harold Tuttle, b. 1888, Des Moines, Ia.
IV. LOUISE, b. . . .
V. KATE, b. . . . ; d. . . .
VI. CHARLES,[9] b. . . . ; d. . . .
VII. EUGENE,[9] b. . . . ; d. . . .
VIII. OSCAR,[9] b. . . .
IX. EVELYN, b. . . .

JOHN,[8] probably son of the above John,[7] and brother of Benj. B.,[8] was born in or near Plattsburgh, N.Y., and read law with Chancellor Kent "in the thirties," and d. in Mississippi about 1845–6. He mar. in Baltimore, or Frederick City, Md., about 1836, *Ann R. W. Stone*, whose mother was a *Coolidge*, b. in or near Boston, Mass. She d. 1889, aged about 74. They had a son and dau. The dau., MARY, was b. about 1840, and d. at Jackson, La., aged 4. Their son was named:

I. ALEXANDER HAMILTON,[9] b. Nov. 13, 1838, at Jackson, La., Parish East Feleciana; *grad. Yale Coll.*, Sheffield Scien-

tific School, 1857; mar. at Marietta, Ga., June 5, 1864, Cora Freeman, who was b. at Nashville, Tenn., abt. 1844, and d. at Atlanta, Ga., in Aug., 1884. They had children: **1.** THOMAS F.,[10] b. Apl. 18, 1866, at Austin, Tex.; mar. Oct. 1, 1889, Amelia Frietag, in N.Y. City. **2.** ANNIE COOLIDGE, b. Nov. 9, 1868, Marietta; mar. Apl. 25, 1897, Thos. B. Russell, in Atlanta, Ga. **3.** CHARLES, b. Jan. 21, 1872; d. young. **4.** CLEMENT FISHER,[10] b. Aug. 27, 1873, at Marietta. **5.** ALEXANDER H.,[10] b. Apl. 9, 1875, at Marietta; mar. M. Etta Taylor Apl. 14, 1897, in Atlanta, Ga. **6.** EDGAR ROSS,[10] b. July 22, 1877, at Galveston, Tex. **7.** HARRY WATSON,[10] b. June 17, 1882, at Marietta.

GEORGE E.,[8] son of Eliphalet,[7] Cephas,[6] mar. 1st, Mch. 28, 1866, *Hattie Hill* of, and who d. in, Shelbyville, Ind., Feb., 1873. By her he had one child. He mar. 2d, Sept. 18, 1877, *Nettie C.* (Harter), widow of *Joseph H. Kent*, his half-brother, by whom he had 4 children. She d. Nov. 28, 1894. *His children were:*

I. FRANK H.,[9] b. May 4, 1871.
II. HELEN, b. Oct. 12, 1883.
III. LAURA, b. June 23, 1886.
IV. HARRY,[9] b. 1888.
V. MARY, b. 1890.

EDWARD P.,[8] son of Eliphalet,[7] Cephas,[6] mar. June 16, 1859, *Annie Montgomery* of Shelbyville, Ind., where he d. June 24, 1890, aged 52. *They had children:*

I. WALTER,[9] b. June 15, 1860.
II. FANNIE SEILER, b. Apl. 15, 1862.
III. EDWARD M.,[9] b. Sept. 5, 1864.
IV. LYDIA R. BURR, b. Jan. 21, 1867.

DARIUS EDMUND,[8] son of Moses,[7] Moses,[6] Cephas,[5] was b. at Dorset, Vt., Feb. 22, 1813, and in 1823 the family moved to St. Lawrence Co., N.Y. From his boyhood he was thoroughly disciplined in the school of poverty incident to those pioneer times. As he grew to manhood he became very active, and most of his life was closely identified with the business interests of northern New York, being prominent in agricultural and real-estate transactions which gave him an extensive acquaintance through St. Lawrence Co. and vicinity, where he was

known to nearly every inhabitant. He was a man of untiring industry, of remarkable energy and unremitting zeal, and he was eminently successful. His most distinguishing characteristics were undoubtedly a certain spirit of self-reliance and indifference to the sentiments of such as might disregard his ways of thinking or distrust his methods In the prime of life it was seldom that his judgment failed him, or that he undertook an enterprise that miscarried. His strong personality led him to disregard the conventionalities of society. Pronounced in his dislike for pretension, whether in religion, politics, dress, or social distinction, he was wont to place the real above the fanciful, character above reputation, substance above show, virtue above moral veneer. In 1842 he mar. *Jane Green* of Hopkinton, N.Y., a benevolent, loving, and faithful woman, who d. Dec. 24, 1884. His home was at Potsdam, N.Y., for many years, but during the last twenty years of his life he resided at Westfield, N.Y., where he died at his residence on First street Mch. 2, 1886, at 73 years of age.

LUCIAN HERVEY,[8] son of Moses,[7] Moses,[6] Cephas,[5] mar. at Lawrence, N.Y., June 9, 1849, *Mary Fay McEwen*, who was b. Feb. 20, 1824, at Hinesburgh, Vt. The paternal ancestors of Lucian were a hardy, long-lived race of people, whose names have been closely identified with the history of New England from the time of the early English colonies. But while such a staunch paternity bequeathed to the subject of this sketch a generous legacy of qualities of heart and brain, by some mischance the wheel of fortune cast to his lot the impediments of poverty and a frail physique with which to overcome the many adverse elements which thickly beset his path. When but six years of age he was taken with his parents, under trying circumstances, to St. Lawrence Co., N.Y., the journey being made in the old-style overland manner by ox-team, in the middle of a severe winter, and through an almost unbroken wilderness. Among the misfortunes of this two-hundred mile journey overland were the loss of household goods and narrow escape from freezing. At their destination, after settling in a small aboriginal hamlet consisting of ten rude log dwellings, the destitute family began the struggle for existence. With the constraints of physical disability on the part of the parents, with the barren condition of the locality in which they pitched their misfortunes, and especially the embarrassments attendant upon the lack of means with which to get a start, this struggle

amounted to little less than a mortal combat. So much, indeed, were the manual services of Lucian and his brother in demand that their only opportunity for schooling was during the severest winter weather; but these opportunities were in no way neglected — everything in the way of good books which they were able to obtain being eagerly studied. After becoming of age Mr. Kent acquired, by his own efforts, an academical education, and was thereby enabled to maintain a livelihood by teaching — a profession which he followed for many winters with marked success. He was married in the summer of 1849. Since this time Mr. Kent has followed exclusively the occupation of farming. He resides, 1897, at Westfield, N.Y., and though in his eighty-second year leads a very active life, both physically and intellectually. Besides doing a great amount of manual labor, consistent with early habits, he improves his spare intervals reading newspapers, magazines, and the latest works of philosophy and science, being a constant student of the leading questions of the day and always abreast of the times, which was well illustrated by his latest poetical work, "Financial Apparitions," written during the recent presidential campaign. For the source of Mr. Kent's inspiration as a poet the reader is referred to his preface to "Sunshine and Storm."

LUCIAN HERVEY and MARY MCEWEN KENT had children:

I. ELMORE MANLEY,[9] b. June 7, 1850, at Hopkinton.

II. GEORGE STANLEY,[9] b. June 5, 1852; *grad.* at the *Westfield Academy* and Union School. He taught successfully for years in that institution and other schools, and has since been engaged in grape culture and general farming in Westfield, N.Y.

III. HERMON LUCIAN,[9] b. Jan. 31, 1854; paper manufacturer.

IV. HENRY BRAINARD,[9] b. Oct. 21, 1855; *grad.* in the classical department of *Westfield Academy* in 1874; but still continued his studies at home until he was prepared to enter the university. He *graduated* in 1879 at *Western Reserve University*, then located at Hudson, O., and later moved to Cleveland. Dr. Cutler, at that time president of this university, wrote: "I have no better man here than Henry Kent." He engaged in teaching for a time, and afterward was a member of the firm of Hermon L. Kent & Co. With his brothers he was engaged in the manufacture and sale of paper for a number of years. He was a competent and successful business man, and travelled

extensively through the United States upon business and pleasure. That he had a decided taste for literature is attested by the book entitled "Graphic Sketches of the West," written by him, and published about the time of his death. He died very unexpectedly at Canon City, Col., June 25, and was buried at his home in Westfield, N.Y., Sunday, June 29, 1890.

V. ELWIN RANSON,[9] b. Nov. 11, 1858, French Creek, N.Y.; was for some time *Private Secretary* to Hon. Daniel G. Rollins, Surrogate, City and Co., N.Y. He d. Westfield Nov. 14, 1890.

VI. ALICE CARRIE, b. May 28, 1862, the only daughter. She inherits her father's love for study and literature, and is an academic and State University graduate at Westfield, N.Y., where she in 1897 resides.

VII. VERNON ANSON,[9] b. Jan. 17, 1866; a merchant.

HENRY BRAINARD,[8] son of Artemas,[7] Moses,[6] was a *physician* in N.Y. City, and probably named for *Rev. Brainard Kent*, pastor of the Congregational Church at Hinesburgh, Vt., 1832–35, and at W. Stockbridge, Mass., 1837–39. He mar. *Phoebe V. Miller*, b. Aug. 11, 1833; d. N.Y. City Oct. 19, 1891; where also her husband, Henry B., d. Oct. 12, 1893. *They had children:*

I. HENRY B.,[9] b. May 1, 1866, Keyport, N.J.; mar. Feb. 24, 1894, *Mary E. Kane*, and resides in 1897 at N.Y. City. They have child: *Virginia P.*, b. Nov. 26, 1894.

II. ADALINE L., b. Apl. 14, 1868; mar. Apl. 30, 1894, Dr. Wm. Chittick of Detroit, Mich.

III. VIRGINIA P., b. Feb. 25, 1870; mar. Feb. 16, 1895, Louis Magee, who in 1897 is *Director of the Electrical Works* in the city of *Berlin*, Germany.

EMMETT,[8] son of Laurens,[7] mar. Mch. 31, 1859, *Elizabeth Clapperton*, and d. Mch. 31, 1890. *They had children:*

I. FRED R.,[9] b. Sept. 30, 1862, Clinton, Ill., where his chil. were also b. He mar. Nov. 11, 1885, *Rose L. Walter* of Alton, Ill., b. Sept. 30, 1863. They had chil.: **1.** LILLIAN, b. Sept. 12, 1886. **2.** ROSE, b. Aug. 28, 1888. **3.** RUTH, b. Jan. 2, 1890. **4.** EMMETT,[10] b. Nov. 7, 1892.

II. MABEL, b. Dec. 16, 1864.

III. AUGUSTA, b. Sept. 2, 1866.
IV. MAUD, b. Oct. 31, 1869.
V. PAUL,[9] b. Apl. 20, 1878.

LYMAN EDSON,[8] son of Alex. E.,[7] was a farmer in Bainbridge, O., and mar. 1st, Oct. 9, 1856, *Emily* (b. Oct. 9, 1832), dau. of Chauncey and Eunice *Eggleston* of Aurora, Ill. She d. July 12, 1858. He mar. 2d, Apl. 4, 1860, *Sarah Ann Leonard*, b. Feb. 2, 1833. He had one child by his first wife: EARNEST WILBERT,[9] b. July 20, 1857; d. June 25, 1858.

JAMES,[8] son of Judge William,[7] "Chancellor" James,[6] Moss,[5] mar. Apl. 20, 1853, *Sarah Irving*, dau. of Edwin and Sarah (Irving) *Clark*. He d. Nov. 29, 1886. She was b. Jan. 18, 1833, and is still living in 1897. *They had 4 sons:*

I. JAMES,[9] b. Apl. 2, 1854. Jan. 20 1901.
II. EDWIN CLARK,[9] b. Aug. 2–4, 1856; unmarried in 1897.
III. WILLIAM,[9] b. Mch. 19, 1858. -
IV. WILLIAM IRVING,[9] b. Jan. 8, 1861.

ARCHIBALD FLYNN,[8] son of Archibald,[7] Elisha,[6] mar. Apl. 27, 1859, *Emily A. Keeler* of Ridgefield, Ct., b. Feb. 16, 1838. *They had children:*

I. WILLIAM ARCHIE,[9] b. Apl. 3–4, 1861, Jamestown, N.Y.; *grad. Cornell University* 1882; mar. Aug. 21–23, 1888, *Emma C. Jones* of Mayville, N.Y., b. Dec. 23, 1863, and has child: KENNETH RAYMOND,[10] b. Feb. 14, 1892.
II. LEWIS BENEDICT,[9] b. Oct. 5, 1871, Corry, Pa.; unmarried in 1897.
III. ALBA MORGAN,[9] b. Nov. 20, 1873; unmarried 1897.

GEORGE A. S.,[8] son of Joseph,[7] Joseph Moss,[6] mar. Dec. 31, 1860, *Martha* (b. Dec. 17, 1841), dau. of Anthony *Morian*, and had children:

I. GRANT EARL,[9] b. May 29, 1864, Cherry Creek; mar. Dec. 12, 1886, *Anna Harmon*, and has children: **1.** GEORGE A. S.[10] **2.** JULIA M.
II. CLARE E.,[9] b. Feb. 14, 1868. Has served through two enlistments in the *U.S. Army*, and has recently enlisted again, being stationed, 1897, Fort Sam Houston, near San Antonio, Tex.; a *member of Co. H, 18th U.S. Infantry*.
III. F. M. RICH,[9] b. May 31, 1875; a teacher and artist.

SILAS K.,[9] (probably) the son of Charles[8]; of Trivoli in 1897; mar. Oct. 7, 1849, *Lydia A. Atwood*, who was b. May 28, 1831; d. Mch. 30, 1864. *They had children:*

I. . . . , b. June 11, 1851; d. Sept. 29, 1862.

II. ALMON A.,[10] b. May 1, 1856; d. Nov. 26, 1879; unmarried.

III. DANA S.,[10] b. Nov. 24, 1858; mar. May 11, 1885, *Florence Belle Bennett*, b. July 16, 1860. They have chil.: **1.** NELLIE ALBINA, b. Dec. 9, 1886. **2.** CHARLES KENDALL,[11] b. June 29, 1890. **3.** HAZLE BELLE, b. Sept. 16, 1893. **4.** ALMON BENNETT,[11] b. Oct. 31, 1896.

IV. JUSTIN T.,[10] b. May 28, 1861; mar. May 28, 1887, *Mary B. Liddle*, at Boone, Ia.; and d. Apl. 23, 1893 at, Des Moines, Ia., where he lived six years. His widow resides, in 1897, Kansas City, Mo. They had chil.: **1.** FRED R.,[11] b. May 28, 1888; d. May 3, 1893; and **2.** CLAY ATWOOD,[11] b. Apl. 26, 1891; d. Apl. 21, 1893, both of diphtheria.

ELMORE M.,[9] son of Lucian H.,[8] Moses,[7] Moses,[6] Cephas,[5] resides in Westfield, N.Y., where he has large vineyards. He and his brothers are engaged in the manufacture and sale of paper, and together they are proprietors of the paper mills at that place. He is most systematic and thorough in everything he undertakes. He mar. June 20, 1889, *Edna*, dau. of Varick A. *Chittenden* of Hopkinton, N.Y. She was educated at *Andover Female Seminary*, Andover, Mass.; a member of Presbyterian Church of Westfield, and a *granddaughter of the Revolution*, being a descendant of the Vermont family of Chittendens. She d. June 26, 1897, in her 31st year, leaving one child: EDNA M., b. July 12, 1896, in Hopkinton.

HERMON L.,[9] son of Lucian H.,[8] after receiving an academic education, became an employee at the Westfield Paper Mills, learning every branch of the business, and after successive promotions rose to foreman. In 1882, together with his brother Elmore M. Kent, he purchased the property and operated it for about twelve years. He built the Kent brick block, which he occupies as a wholesale paper warehouse. He has also grape and dairy farming interests.

VERNON A.,[9] youngest son of Lucian H.,[8] has always lived in Westfield, N.Y., and was a student in the academy, *graduating* in 1882 with the diploma of the *University of New York*. Mch. 12, 1885, he mar. *Mattie A.*, the youngest daughter of William H. and Mary *Arnold* of Prospect Station, N.Y. She was b. Jan. 5, 1865. He was elected *Trustee* in the *Village Council* at the *age of 24*, and in 1894 was *Chairman* of the *Republican Committee* of Chautauqua Co. He is now, in 1897, engaged in a retail mercantile business.

VERNON A. and MATTIE ARNOLD KENT *have three children:*

I. CLARA MAY, b. May 1, 1887.
II. EMMA BELLE, b. Sept. 3, 1889.
III. MARION LOUISE, b. Jan. 16, 1895; all of Westfield.

JAMES,[9] son of James,[8] William,[7] James[6] the Chancellor, mar. June ~~8~~-4, 1875, *Louisa Morris*, eldest dau. of William Pinckney and Helen (Van Cortlandt LeRoy) *Stewart*, b. June 18, 1853.

JAMES and LOUISA MORRIS STEWART KENT have children, b. in N.Y. City:

I. JAMES,[10] b. Mch. 1, 1876.
II. WILLIAM PINCKNEY,[10] b. Feb. 27, 1877; d. Jan. 17, 1892.
III. HELEN VAN CORTLANDT LEROY, b. Sept. 21, 1879.

WILLIAM,[9] son of James,[8] William,[7] James[6] the Chancellor, mar. Apl. 30, 1881, *Emily*, dau. of Peter and Emily (Taylor) *Lorillard* of New York.

WILLIAM and EMILY LORILLARD KENT *have had children:*

I. WILLIAM,[10] b. Apl. 14, 1882.
II. EMILY LORILLARD, b. Oct. 23, 1883.
III. PETER LORILLARD,[10] b. Mch. 3, 1887.
IV. RICHARD,[10] b. Feb. 5, 1894.

WILLIAM IRVING,[9] son of James,[8] William,[7] James[6] the Chancellor, mar. in 1884, *Helen Van Cortlandt*, dau. of William Pinckney and Helen Van Cortlandt (LeRoy) *Stewart*, and sister of Louisa Morris Stewart, as above.

W. IRVING and HELEN VAN CORTLANDT STEWART KENT *have had children:*

I. IRVING,[10] b. Dec., 1889 - d.
II. LEROY,[10] b. Dec., 1890.
III. STEWART,[10] b. Aug., 1896. - d. of wounds. Co. K - 107. U.S. London Dec. 21 - 1918.

CHAPTER V.

RICHARD KENT, SENIOR, OF IPSWICH AND NEWBURY, MASSACHUSETTS, HIS DESCENDANTS, AND POSSIBLE ENGLISH ANCESTRY, BEGINNING A.D. 1409.

In the Registers of Eccleesfield, Parish Church, England, we find that as early as 1409, June 14, John Hartley, son and heir of Agnes Hartley, and Henry Horner, son and heir of Cecilia Horner, the two daughters and coheirs of Richard de Ughtibridge, seek to be admitted to one messuage in Birley, which they afterwards surrender to **RICHARD DE KENT.**

Marriages in Ecclesfield: 1576. Mense Septembris *Peter Kent* & johan Thorppe cojuat xxiij die. *1584.* Mense Novembris *Peter Kent* & Agnes Swyfte cojugat xxix die. *1592.* Mense Februrij Nicholas neyler & *Alice Kent* conjugat eod die. *1595.* Mense Novembris John Parkin & *Agnes Kent* con xxx' die. *1612.* September *Peter Kent* & joan Sikes (Sykes) conjugat ye xxth.

THE REGISTERS OF ST. MARY'S, READING.

Burials: 1538. Jan. 7, *Maud Kente.* 1549. Aug. 23, *Richard Kente.* Dec. 17, *Eliza Kente.* 1556. Dec. 30, *Thomas Kente.* 1570. Nov. 23, *Joan Kente.* 1614. Mar. 20, *Thomas Kent*, a jurneman weaver. 1627. Jan. 17, *George Kent.* 1633. Mar. 1, *Henrie Kent*, a lame man. 1636. May 23, [blank] *Kent*, an almes-man. 1640. July 12, *Mary Kent*, d. of a widow.

SOMERSET CHANTRIES.

Milverton, 1548: The Chantry of the blessed Mary there — *Roger Kent* holds by copy a tenement with garden there, and renders per ann. — vjs iiijd.

YORKSHIRE FINES.

1564, *Trinity Term, 6 Elizabeth.* Plaintiffs, Thomas Whiteley. Deforciants, Henry Kent and *Richard Kent*, and *Ann* his wife; nature and situation of property, lands in Northowrum.

1565–6, *Hilary Term, 8 Elizabeth.* Plaintiff, William Warde. Deforciants, *William Kent* and *Elizabeth* his wife.

Nature and situation of the property, messuage, a cottage, and a shop with land in Bradford.

RECORDS OF THE BOROUGH OF NOTTINGHAM. Extracts from the Chamberlain's Accounts 1571–2. Burges Money resevyd this Yere Resevyd of *Henry Kent*, weyver vjs. viijd.

LIST OF EMIGRANTS TO AMERICA, *Barbadoes*. A List of Owners and possessors of land Hired Seruants & Apprentices Bought Servants & Negroes in ye Parish of S^t. Michaells. *Humry Kentt*, 52 acres of land 1 hired seru^t 1 bought seru^t 17 Neg^ers.

COUNTY OF SOUTHAMPTON. A True Copy of the Poll Book for *the election of one Knight:*

Booth N°. 2 Andover Division

Freeholder	*abode*
Edward Kent	Upper Wallop
Thomas Kent	Andover
Josiah Kent	Broughton

Booth No 3 — Basingstoke Division

James Kent	Crondall

REGISTER OF ST. NICHOLAS ACOUS, LONDON.

Burials: 1618. Nov. 16. *Marya the daughter of Jaques Tkint.*
1619. May 21. *Elizabeth Tkint* the daughter of *Jaques Tkint.*
1622. July 27. *Jaques Tkent* the sonne of *Jaques Tkent* and *Elizabethe* his wife.

(In this vol. there are several entries of *Brigge* and *Bridges* which are indexed under the one name.)

Index to GAINFORD REGISTER. Baptisms: *Kent Isable* illeg d. *Robt.* 15 Jan 1631–2. Burials: *Kent Isable.* 5 Feb 1631–2.

VISITATION OF WILTSHIRE, 1623.

Ashley

Rich Ashley of Deane = Joane da of John Kerbie of Stanbridge in Hampsheyre

Tristram Ashley of Deane = Dorathie da. of *Kent of Boscomb* in Wiltsh

Rich 1
John 2

Dorothie 1
Elizab 2

HARLEIAN SOCIETY. Marriage Licenses at the Faculty *office of the Archbishop of Canterbury at London:* 1632, Dec. 6. *Henry Kent* of Goudhurst, *Co. Kent* Clerk, Bach^{r} 34 & Anne Grange Sp^{r} ab^{t} 22 dau of one Grange, late of Co Suffolk Gent dec'd, with consent of her mother the Widow Avis of *Linton Kent* at St Matthew, Friday Street London.

Mar. 25, 1662. *Richard Kent* of St Martin in the Fields Midx. Gent Bach^{r} 30 & Mary Collett of St. Margaret's Westminster Sp^{r} 24, her parents dead; alleged by John Whitehall of St Clement Danes Tailor at St Mary Magdalen, Old Fish Street London.

REGISTER OF CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

Burials: 1682. April 21, Mr Nicholas Johnson. His will, dated the 16th, was proved 24 Ap:, 1682, by *Richard Kent, Esq.*, whom he calls his brother, and by Sir Stephen Fox.

ROTHERHAM RECORDS.

Here is interred the body of *Richd Kent* of Kimberworth Gent, eldest son of Richd Kent late of Whiston Gent, who was born January y^{e}. 4th 1695 d'yd October ye 4th and bury'd ye 6th 1739 aged 31 years 9 months. *Sarah Kent* relict of the above Richd Kent died 3^{d} Sept 1769 aged 69. Here lyeth the body of *Richard Kent* of Whiston. Gent, who departed this life y^{e}. 12th and was bury'd ye 15th of May 1704 aged 7 years 2 months. Here also lyethe y^{e}. body of *Frederick Kent* Son of *Richd Kent* of Kimberworth, Gent, who departed this life ye 11th and was bury'd y^{e}. 12th of June 1725 aged 3 months. Here also lyeth the body of *Elizabeth* wife of the aforesaid *Richd Kent* of Whiston Gent, who departed this life the 24th of June and was bury'd the 26th Anno Dom 1727 aged 65 years. Here lyeth the body of *William* son of *Richard Kent* of Kimberworth Gent who was interred the 16th day of September Annoq Dom. 1680 aged 10 years 4 months. Here also lyeth the body of Elizabeth wife of *Richard Kent* of Kimberworth Gent, who was interred the 30th day of May Annoq Dom 1693 aged 49 years. Here also lyeth the body of Richard Kent of Kimberworth Gent, who was interred the 29th day of June Annoq^{e} Dom 1711 aged 67 years 3 months. Here was interred the body of *William* Son of *Richard Kent* Gent, on the 12 day of April in the 40th year of his age Anno Dom. 1724 Her lyes the body of Eliz., daughter of *William Kent* of Ickles Hall Gent, who dy'd the 1st and was bury'd y^{e}. 2^{d}. day of September A.D. 1727 aged 11 years and 4 months

Here lyeth the body of Westby, ye Second Son of M^r. Kent of Whiston who departed this life ye 15 day of June 1752

RICHARD KENT, senior (maltster), arrived in Ipswich, Mass., in 1634, in the "*good shipp Mary & John*" of London, Robt. Sayres, master. Having on Mch. 26, 1633, taken the oath of supremacy and allegiance to pass for New England. On Mch. 4, 1634, he was made a freeman; and in May, 1635, moved to Newbury. The same year he was allowed to build "*another wear*" on Chebacco river and enjoy the profits, and was one of seven men chosen to manage the affairs of the town. He resided on Kent street with his *wife Emma*, and d. June 11, 1654. His wife d. June 10, 1677. One of the bequests in his will reads as follows:

"Also I give the first Salmon that is caught in my wier yearly to M^r. Noyes, and the second to M^r. Rogers till my son be nineteen years of age," etc., and after that his son might do as he "*saw good*."

Other papers of record relating to Richard Kent, senior, I give below:

The Settlers passed up the Sound [Plum Island Sound] till they reached the beautiful Quascacunquen, as the Indians called it, which the early records call the "Great River," and we in later times the river Parker in honor of the first minister. At a short distance up, making in the whole passage not over five miles, they landed on the north bank, just below where the bridge stands to-day; and there, tradition has it, Nicholas Noyes, a cousin to Mr. Parker, and whose descendants are many at this day, and not a few distinguished men, first leaped to the shore. The little company consisted of twenty-two men, their wives and children, and servants. They were Mr. Henry Sewall and his servants — he was the rich man of the party, and had abundant cattle; William Moody, his wife, and four sons; Anthony Short, Henry Short and wife; Mr. John Spencer, Mr. Nicholas Easton, his wife, and son John; *Richard Kent, Sr.*, and *Stephen Kent, with their wives*; Mr. Thomas Parker, &c., &c.

Att a Court, *holden* at *Newe Towne* Octob^r 6th *1634* John Kirman tooke oath hee was sum̃ond by *Rich: Kent* to appeare this day att the Court to answer him in an acc̃on of trespasse & nowe psecutes not, Soe the Court hath giuen him x^s damage

At the same Court (May, 1635) It Was ordered, &c. &c. John Woodbridge was chosen their first town clerk, and *Richard Kent* and Henry Short lot layers.

January 18th, 1638, It was ordered that Richard Knight, James Brown and *Richard Kent* shall gather up the first payment of the meeting house rate and the towne rate within one fourteenight on the penalty of six shillings and eight pence apiece (Town Records).

NEWBURY TROUBLES (without date). May it please the hon^rd Court to Vnderstand, that theise prsons named vnderwritten which are mentioned in John Emeryes Petition are sons and Seruants vnder their parents and masters, of which Some haue not taken the Oath of fidelity and some do flatly deny that euer they gaue power or liberty to put to their names, and Some profess they neuer Saw the petition or heard it read. . . . And wee further declare to the hon^rd Court that we haue in our Towne these . . .

Richard Kent et al.

[words gone] there is fine? we can declare that hath not giuen their Consent, as may Appeare! four of whom we haue vnder their hands —

Att a Generall Court held at Boston the 6th Day of the 7th Month @ 1638

Mr Bradstreete, Mr Dudley, Iunior, Capt Dennison, Mr Clarke, of Newberry, Mr Woodbridge, Mr Battye, Mr Batter Mr Winsley, Hen: Bilye, Giles Firman, *Richrd Kent* & John Sanders are alowed (upon their petition) to *begin a plantation at Merrimack* and shall have liberty to associate to them Such others as they can agree upon; & if any difference fall out amongst the planters about the Seate of their towne, or receiving of other associates, or alotment of lands, that then this Court or the Counsell Shall not order in it —

On the 15th May 1649 the town of Newbury petitioned the General Court for a grant of the whole island (Plum Island); the town stated in their petition that: "The substance of our desire is that, if, after you have heard and perused what we say, that in right Plum Island belongs not to us, yet out of your Just favor it may be granted to us to relieve *our pinching necessities* without which we see no way to continue or Subsist. Our fears were occasioned by a petition which was preferred to the last General Court for it. Our apprehensions of our right to it are, First, because for three or four miles together there is no channel betwixt us and it. Second, because at low water we can go dry to it over many places in most with carts and horses, which we usually do, being necessitated so to do since our gift to Rowley on the Court's request and promise that we should have anything in the Court's power to grant. Thirdly, because the Court's order gives all lands to dead low water mark, not exceeding one hundred rods, to towns or persons, where any lands do so border. In many places Plum Island is not ten rods, at no place one hundred rods from low water mark. Fourth, because we can only improve it without damage to our neighbouring plantation, which none can do without much damage to your petitioners, if not to the ruining of both the meadow and corn of your petitioners and so forth. The premises considered, we hope (and doubt not) this honorable Court will see just what grounds to answer on request and confirm the Island to our town, and we shall always, as in duty we are bound, pray and so forth

Thomas Parker	John Saunders	Edward Woodman
Percival Lowle	James Noyes	Henry Short
John Spencer	William Gerrish	

Richard Kent *in ye name of ye rest.*"

In answer to this petition, the Court, October seventeenth, 1649, granted two-fifths of the island to Newbury, two-fifths to Ipswich, and one-fifth to Rowley.

The lots of land in the new town were laid out, and the town records, under date of Jan. 11, 1644, say: "It is ordered [&c &c &c] as hereinunder by names and figures appear: *Richard Kent Sr.*"

Att a Courte of Eleꝛon held att Boston

23 of May 1650 Upon the request of the towne of Newbery, Edward Woodman, William Gerish & *Richard Kent* are appoynted to end Small causes there, according to law. p Curiâ

Att a Generall Court of Eleccons, held at Boston *30th May 1650.* Itt is ordered, that Mr Edward Woodman, Mr Wm Gerrish, and *Richard Kent* is heereby impowered to end Smale cawses there, according to lawe

Deed of John Wright to Tristram Coffin 1655: Know all men by these prsents that I, John Wright, late of *Newbury* & Alice my wife, have bargained & Sold unto Tristram Coffin of Salisbury eight acres and a halfe of land, lying by bread & cheese tree, on the Northwest side of the [ ] of Newbury aforesaid & the sd land is bounded with Aquila Chase, his land on the South, with the highway on the North East, with the Common on the Southwest with Jo Merrill, *Richard Kent* & Hercules Woodman on the Northwest, the abovesaid eight acres & halfe of land I, the sd John & Alice my wife, doe by these prsents acknowledge

the sale of, for the Consideration of twenty five pounds, to be pd according to contract the sd p'cell of land, with one freehold, with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging to the aforesaid land and freehold to be, forever, unto sd Tristram Coffin, his heires, executors, Administrators or Assignes, free & discharged from all former grants, bargaines, Sales & contracts, or any demands whatsoever, I the sd John & Alice bind ourselfe, heires, Executors & Administrators to the p'formance of the p'mises & I have hereunto Set my hand & Seale, made at Boston this 18th December 1655

Witnes
Josh: Scattow
John —⌒ Foster
mrk of

Mrke of
John (IW) Wright [Seal]
Alice (A) Wright [Seal]

Att a Generall Courte of Electjon held at Boston, the 26th of May 1658 In ans^r to the peticon of Seuerall other inhabitants of Newbury informing of disorders, &c in ye last peticon of theire neighbo^rs, the Court judgeth it meete to declare that the execution of what is passed in reference to ye former petition be Suspended, and the case to be in Statu quo: & it is ordered, y^t the Secretary issue out his warrant ag^t.

Richard[1] and Emma Kent had children:

I. Rebecca, b. in England, where she mar. Samuel Scollard; after his death she came to America, and mar. John Bishop, a carpenter, Oct., 1647, and had chil.: John, Rebecca, Joanna, Hannah, Elizabeth, Jonathan, Noah, and David. He removed to Woodbridge, N.J., and d. Oct., 1684.

II. Sarah, b. in England. Several daughters are said to have been left in England. One son was b. in Newbury.

III. John,[2] b. July 20, 1645, at Newbury.

(It is claimed that *Richard, Jr.*, and *James* were sons of Richard,[1] b. in England. This may or may not be true. Richard, Jr., d. without issue, and James had quite a family. A chapter is devoted to each in this book.)

JOHN,[2] probably son of Richard,[1] took the freeman's oath before Robt. Pike Feb. 25, 1668. He was a cooper by trade. He mar. *Sarah Woodman* Mch. 13, 1666, and *they had children:*

I. Sarah, b. Aug. 30, 1667; mar. Mch. 1, 1686, Sam'l, son of Stephen Greenleaf of Newberry, by whom she had chil. He d. Aug. 6, 1694, aged 29. She mar. 2d, Apl. 25–28, 1696, Peter Tappan, Jr., of Newberry.

II. John,[3] b. Nov. 23, 1668. One *John Kent* mar. Elizabeth . . . at Charlestown; and had dau. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 8, 1697–8; another *John Kent* mar. Sarah Little Jan. 14, 1703.

III. Richard,[3] b. Jan. 17, 1672–3. One Richard Kent was chosen an Assistant Commissioner in Salem Dec. 15, 1723; also Representative to the General Court from

Essex Co. 1724. One *Richard Kent*, possibly the above Richard, was among the first settlers of Braintree, Mass. He and his wife Annie had one dau.: Annie, b. Apl. 29, 1799.

IV. MARY, b. Oct. 24, 1674; mar. Stephen Swett abt. 1695.

V. EMMA, b. Apl. 20, 1677; mar. Sam'l Hazeltine of Bradford Jan. 1, 1701.

VI. HANNAH, b. Sept. 10, 1679; mar. Nathan Merrill, son of Abel, Sept. 6, 1699, and had children.

VII. JUDITH, b. abt. 1682; mar. Thos. Morrill, Mch. 16, 1703–4.

VIII. REBECCA, b. Feb. 20, 1684–5; mar. Chas. Hart, June, 1704.

IX. JAMES,[3] b. Mch. 5, 1686–7; mar. Hannah Hodgkins Mch. 23, 1707. (One *James H. Kent*, possibly a descendant, appears in a list of volunteers in the late war, from Saugus.) One *James A. Kent* was a resident of Brockton, Mass., in 1884.

Taxes under Gov Andros

Town Rate of Newbury Mass. 1688

An Invoyes of August '88 Newbury	Heads.	Houses.	Plow Lands	Meadow	Pastr.	Horses	2 yr old	1 yr old	Oxen	Cows	3 yr old	2 yr old	1 yr old	Sheep	Hogs			
Mr Richd Kent	0	2	6	20	30	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	20	3	00	05	1
John Kent Senr	1	2	14	30	80	3	0	0	4	12	0	3	4	35	4			
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Jno Kent Junr	3	1	12	6	12	1	0	0	4	5	0	0	1	16	0			

By Virtue of a Warrant from Jno Usher Esqr Recavr Genll of his Majes Revenues wthin his Territory and Dominion in Newe England bearing date July 14. in ye fovrth year of his Majes Reigne Annoq Dom. 1688 We ye Subscribed Comissioner & Selectmen of Newbury being mett together this 30 of August 1688 have made a list of the male prsons of our Towne, from foreteen years old & upwards & a true estimation of all Reall & prsonal estate, according to ye act of Councill according as is contained in these five Sheets & ye Sum is Sixty pounds two Shillings & Sixpence

Thomas Noyes Com

D. Davison
D Peirce
Nathll Clarke
Jacob Toppan
} Selectmen of the Towne of Newbury

Letter Book of Samuel Sewall Janr. 13. 168⅞: Writ to Mr. Caleb Moodey inclosing his cancell'd Bond Sent Thanks for my Sturgeon Inclos'd *Jno. Kents* cancell'd Bill in my Father's Letter

RICHARD,[3] possibly son of the above John,[2] was mar. by Peter Thacher at Boston to *Sarah Lee*, May 8, 1722. He was a shipwright. She as his widow deeded land in Boston, 1743. *They had children*, all bapt. in Second Church, Boston:

I. SARAH, b. Aug. 19, 1724; mar. David Jones in Trinity Church, Boston, Nov. 7, 1753; and d. Sept. 25, 1768.

II. RICHARD,[4] b. Aug. 18, bapt. 21, 1726.

III. WILLIAM,[4] b. July 11, bapt. 14, 1728.

IV. EDWARD,[4] bapt. Mch. 22, 1730.

V. MARY, bapt. July 19, 1730; prob. d. young.

VI. MARY or MERCY, b. Nov. 19, bapt. 21, 1731.

One *Mary Kent* mar. at Charlestown, Mass., June 1, 1754, Thos. Welsh, M.D., an army surgeon, who served at Lexington and Bunker Hill.

VII. JOHN,[4] b. Mch. 26, bapt. 31, 1734.

VIII. NATHANAEL,[4] b. Aug. 24, bapt. 29, 1736; d. young.

IX. NATHANAEL,[4] b. Apl. 6, 1739.

RICHARD [4 or 5] of Chatham, probably a descendant of Richard,[3] mar. at Chatham, Mass., Oct. 26, 1780, *Sarah* or *Sally*, sister of *Ephraim Doane*. He settled in Orrington, Me., about 1787. *They had children:*

I. WILLIAM,[6] b. Oct. 20, 1784, of Orrington.

II. RACHEL, b. June 15, 1787;

mar. July 23, 1804, at Orrington, John, son of Archelaus Dean, b. Wellfleet June 16, 1785. She d. Bangor, Me., May 18, 1868, aged 82 yrs. 11 mos.

III. RICHARD,[6] b. May 9, 1791.

IV. JOSEPH,[6] b. . . . ; mar. 1st, *Lydia Young;* 2d, *Lois Thompson*. He had one child: MARY E., bapt. June 10, 1832. He d. May 1, 1833. (See Brewer, Me., Church Rec.)

V. EPHRAIM DEAN,[6] b. . . . , Orrington; mar. at Brewer Feb. 7, 1824, *Sophia Bowden*.

VI. THOMAS,[6] b. . . . ; mar. July 28, 1809, *Polly Severance*, and had one son: GEORGE W., b. Dec. 3, 1811, at Brewer.

VII. STILLMAN,[6] b. Dec. 13, 1795, No. Orrington; mar. 1st, *Mrs. Dorcas Haley* at Brewer 1821. She d. Jan. 31, 1837, aged 44. He mar. 2d, *Susan*, dau. of Josiah *Brewer*. She d. Jan. 25, 1867, aged 69. He d. July 25, 1852, aged 56 yrs.

One *Stillman Kent* d. Dec. 27, 1862, aged 63 yrs. 7 mos. 18

ds., and his wife, Roxy Nickerson, d. Mch. 1, 1880, aged 75 yrs. 4 mos. 17 ds., according to gravestones at No. Bucksport, Me.

One *James Kent* is recorded in the town book of York, Me.

WILLIAM [5 or 6] of Chatham, Boston, and Maine, probably descended from Richard,[3] mar. at 1st Presby. Church, Boston, Apl. 8, 1747, *Margaret Newman*. The following may relate to the above William:

A Muster Roll of the Company in His Majesty's Service under the Command of Joshua Moody, Captain: *William Kent* entered service April 1, 1747. Served until March 28, 1748. Time of service 51 weeks 6 days.

A Muster Roll of the Company in His Majesty's Service under the Command of Samuel Moody, Captain: *William Kent*, captivated entered service, March 29, served until July 2. Time of service 13 weeks 5 days. Same person. Entered service Oct. 15, served until Feb. 20. Service, 18 weeks 3 days. Sworn to Feb. 23, 1748-9. Dated Boston, Feb. 20, 1748.

Boston Harbour Octo. 6. 1748: An account of sundry *English prisoners* brought in from Louisburg, by Aylmer Gravill, in the schooner "Brittania," who were transported there from Canada, *Wm. Kent* [or Hunt] taken at Pemaquid, of Pemaquid.

William and Margaret Newman Kent *had children*, bapt. at King's Chapel, Boston:

I. William,[7] bapt. Oct. 14, 1748.
II. Robert,[7] bapt. Nov. 9, 1750; bur. Apl. 9, 1751.
III. Mary, bapt. Oct. 7, 1753.

EDWARD [4 or 5] of Chatham, probably a descendant of Richard,[3] mar. Hannah . . . , *and had child:*

I. David,[6] b. June 24, 1792; d. Oct. 6, 1823; and possibly other children by another marriage.

Sarah Mason, dau. of Edward Kent, d. Mch. 28, 1829, at Bangor.

NATHANAEL [4 or 5] of Chatham or Orrington, probably descended from Richard,[3] may have been one of the following Nathanaels:

Pay List of Seamen on Board His Majesty's Ship *Alcide*, serving up the River St. Lawrence under the Command of Vice Admiral Saunders, 1759: *Nathl. Kent* — Sailor — time of enlisting April 2. Time of appearance on board May 3. Time of discharge from the ship Sept. 30, time of discharge at *Boston* Nov. 10. Whole time of service on ye ships books, 26 weeks Wages £7 · 6 · 3.

History of Augusta, by James W. North: "*Kennebec Intellenger*." Business at Fort & Hook 1796. *Nathaniel Kent* gave "Cash and the highest prices for shipping furs at his Store at the Hook."

WILLIAM,[6] son of Richard,[5] and one of the incorporators of Brewer, Me., 1811–12; mar. 1st, Apr. 26, 1807, *Sally*

Wing of Orrington; 2d, Dec. 5, 1822, *Phebe Young*, who was b. June 24, 1792. They joined the Brewer, Me., Church Mch. 13, 1831.

WILLIAM and SALLY WING KENT had children:

I. WILLIAM,[7] b. Sept. 16, 1809.
II. SALLY, b. Apl. 20, 1811.
III. BETSEY, b. Aug. 16, 1813.
IV. CHARLES,[7] b. Sept. 15, 1816.
V. ABNER,[7] b. Sept. 20, 1817.

WILLIAM and PHEBE YOUNG KENT had children:

VI. LEVI YOUNG,[7] b. Oct. 20, 1823; bapt. in the Brewer Church June 26, 1831; d. 1842.
VII. THEODORE BISHOP,[7] b. Mch. 3, 1829.
VIII. JOSHUA LEWIS,[7] b. Dec. 24, 1831.
IX. MARY E., b. Mch. 17, 1834.

RICHARD[6] of Orrington, son of Richard,[5] was one of the incorporators of Brewer, Me., 1811–12. He mar. *Dorcas*, sister of Jeremiah *Eldridge* of Brewer, in 1813, and their first six children were bapt. in the Brewer Church June 16, 1831. He d. Oct. 18, 1846, aged 55 yrs. 5 mos., and is buried in Brewer. *Their children were:*

I. ELIZA A., b. . . .
II. CHARLES,[7] b. . . .
III. MARTHA J., b. . . .
IV. ELISHA DOANE, b. . . .
V. DAVID WILLIAMS,[7] b. . . .
VI. SUSAN A., b. . . .
VII. JEREMIAH F.,[7] bapt. Sept. 9, 1803(?).

JOSEPH,[6] probably son of Richard,[5] mar. . . . , and had children, b. in Orrington:

I. ISAAC NEWTON,[7] b. . . . , 1835; d. 1870. He mar. *Hannah Clark Sears*, b. Aug. 24, 1842, and had one child: FREDERIC SEARS,[8] b. Feb. 17, 1868, at Cambridgeport, who mar. May 1, 1890, *Rebecca Swift Stevens*, b. July 14, 1871. They have 3 chil.: **1.** D. ANNAH, b. Apl. 3, d. 17, 1891. **2.** HARRY ELDREDGE,[9] b. Sept. 17, 1892. **3.** LAWRENCE PALMER,[9] b. June 15, 1894.
II. ANDREW, b. . . . ; d. . . .
III. ASA G., b. . . .; of Boston in 1897.
IV. SARAH T., b. . . .
V. EDWARD, b. . . .

In the Boston Records I find *Jameson Kent* d. Jan. 29, 1717–18; a child of Mr. *Kent* d. Dec. 7, 1713, and *Mrs. Hannah Kent* d. Feb., 1774, aged 70.

I have been unable to locate:

ADVENTURE KENT, who in the Revolutionary Records appears signed to a Receipt for Bounty paid him by Moses Little, Class No. 12, for the town of *Newburyport*, to serve in the Continental Army for the term of 3 years. Receipt dated Boston, April 20, 1782.

The only printed genealogies of the Kent families that I have found are in a volume entitled the "*Historical and Genealogical Record of the First Settlers of Colchester County*," Nova Scotia. In this volume is the family of *Alex. Kent* of Truro, an officer in the British Army. Also the descendants of *James Kent* of Halifax, who was b. in ALLOA, SCOTLAND, in 1749, and whose descendant, William, b. Apl. 27, 1822, moved to the U.S.

ROBERT KENT of Scotland, from a family settled in Bothwell for 300 yrs., had a son **JAMES**, b. 1811 at Bothwell, Scot.: mar. 1st, . . . , 1832; 2nd, *Janet Scott* in 1848. *Children:*

I. JAMES, b. 1833.

II. WILLIAM, b. 1851, came to U.S.

III. ROBERT D., b. Oct. 24, 1855. In 1897 cashier of the Passaic Nat'l Bank, Passaic, N.J.; mar. 1st, Oct. 23, 1879, Ella R. King, b. 1856, d. Nov. 8, 1883; 2d, Dec. 11, 1886, Caroline E. Riddle, b. Oct. 17, 1858. He has 2 chil.: **1.** JANET S., b. July 19, 1880. **2.** WILLIAM RIDDLE, b. Mch. 28, 1890.

CYRUS KENT I have been unable to locate, and is the only negro by name of Kent I have found.

MASS. MUSTER AND PAY ROLLS.

Cyrus Kent in the Revolutionary Records as above appears on A Receipt dated *New York*, April 24, 1776, for two months' pay, Feb. and March, given by himself and others, received of Capt. Oliver Soper.

Cyrus Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster Roll of Capt. William Gates' Co., Col. Timothy Bigelow's Regt., dated Van Schaick's Island, Sept. 1, 1777. Enlisted March 1, 1777. Time of service 6 mos. Reported enlisted for 3 years.

Cyrus Kent appears with grade of . . . on A Muster Return of Capt. William Gates' Co., Col. Bigelow's Regt., dated Feb. 4, 1778. He belonged to Boston; *enlisted* for *Boston*. Mustered by *Suffolk County* Muster Master.

Cyrus Kent appears in a List of Men *Mustered in Suffolk County* to serve in Capt. Gates' Co., Col. Bigelow's Regt., by a return made by N. Barber, M.M., Boston, April 27, 1777.

Cyrus Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Pay Roll of Capt. (Lt.) Daniel Grout's Co., Col. Timothy Bigelow's Regt., dated Providence, Mch. 26, 1779, for service from Jan. 31, 1779, to Feb. 28, 1779. Time of service 1 month.

Cyrus Kent appears with rank of *Private on Continental Army* Pay Accts. of Capt. Pierce's Co., Col. Bigelow's Regt., for service from March 1, 1777, to Dec. 31, 1779. Credited to town of *Boston*. Residence not given.

Cyrus Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster Roll of the . . . Mass. Regt., Col. Timothy Bigelow, late Capt. Wm. Gates' Co., dated Providence, May 6, 1779. Term of enlistment 3 years (time not given). Reported *with Gen. Gates.*

Cyrus Kent appears with rank of Private on Continental Army Pay accounts of Capt. Pierce's Co., Col. Bigelow's Regt., for service from Jan. 1, 1780, to March 1, 1780. *Residence Boston.*

Cyrus Kent appears in a statement of Continental Balances with rank of . . . in Col. Bigelow's Regt. Time engaged for 3 years. Certified to, April 18, 1780.

Cyrus Kent appears in a list of Six Months' Men raised by the town of Boston for service in the Continental Army during 1780. "No particulars given."

Cyrus Kent appears with grade of Private on A Depreciation Roll of Col. Timothy Bigelow's Regt., to make good the depreciation of wages for the first three years' service in the Continental Army from 1777 to 1780.

Cyrus Kent appears with rank of Private on Muster Roll of Capt. John Pierce's Co. of the 15th Mass. Regt., Col. Timothy Bigelow, for Jan.–June, 1780, dated *Robinson's Farms*, July 27, 1780; enlisted March 1, 1777, for three years; discharged March 1, 1780.

Cyrus Kent appears in a Descriptive List of men raised to reinforse the *Continental Army* for the term of six months, agreeable to resolve of June 5, 1780. *Age 30 years. Stature 5 ft. 4 in. Complexion* NEGRO. *Residence Boston.* Arrived at Springfield July 2, 1780. 3d Division marched to camp July 3, 1780, under command o: Lieut. Daniel Frye of the Artificers.

Cyrus Kent appears in a descriptive list of enlisted men. *Age 30 years. Stature 5 ft. 5 in. Complexion Black. Residence Boston.* List dated Boston, July 22, 1780. Term of enlistment 3 months. Capt. Wise's Co., Col. Edward Proctor's (Boston) Regt. Marched under Brig. Gen. John Fellows.

Cyrus Kent appears with rank of Private on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Alexander Hodgdon's Co., Col. Ebenezer Thayer's Suffolk Co. Regt., for service at Rhode Island on the alarm of. . . . Time of enlistment July 26, 1780. Time of discharge Oct. 30, 1780. Time of service 3 mos. 8 days, 3 days' travel included. 3 mos. levies, raised to reënforce Continental Army.

CHAPTER VI.

RICHARD KENT, JR., OF IPSWICH, 1634, NEWBURY, 1635, WHO DIED WITHOUT ISSUE.

RICHARD KENT, JR., arrived in Ipswich in 1634 in the same ship with *Richard*, senior, who was possibly his father or cousin. He removed to Newbury in 1635 and soon was joined by his brother *James*, whose only son *John* inherited Rich., Jr.'s, estate on Kent's Island. Richard, Jr., was one of the early proprietors of Newberry and one of the *grantees* of the *town of Salisbury*, but had no land assigned him there. He was accompanied from England by his *wife*, *Jane*, who d. June 26, 1674; he then mar. *Joanna*, *widow of Nicholas Davidson* of Charlestown, Jan. 6, 1674–5. He d. Nov., 1689, *without issue*. The following papers give some idea of the man, and that possibly he came from the ISLE OF WIGHT:

WILL OF NATHANIEL BRADING in which he mentions his father, *Mr. William Brading of the Isle of Wight in the parish of Godsall.* "Whereas *my uncle* Mr. *Richard Kent* of the *parish of Newbury* in the *Colony* of *New England* hath by his letters being in the Custody of my abovesaid father made me an assurance of the inheritance of his estate after his decease. I do therefore in case of his decease bequeath that portion of estate whatsoever it shall be unto my brothers James and John Brading and my sister Ruth Brading, &c &c &c Dated in *Augustin Bay* in the *Isle of Madagascar* this sixteenth of November Anno. Dñi 1645 Proved 1 July 1648."

The Names of Such Passengers as took the Oathes of Supremacy, & Allegiance to pass for New England in the "*Mary & John*" of London, Robert Sayres master 26th mar. 1633

Richard Kent, Richard Kent jr

ATT A COURT, HOLDEN ATT NEWE TOWNE Septembr 1th 1635 In Inventory of the Goods and Chattels of Joseph Avery deseeased from Mr Willm Hilton 02£ 16s 00d or a Sowe & piggs to that valewe Testis; *Rich: Kent* From *Rich: Kent*, of *Ipswch*, ten bushells of Indean Corne, which hee acknowledgeth —

The following are the names of the most wealthy of the grantees, with the number of acres which were granted them [1635, p. 19] affixed to their names. To each of the first settlers was granted a house lot of at least four acres, with a suitable quantity of salt and fresh meadow: *Richard Kent, junior*, 134. *Stephen Kent*, 84.

General Court, on petiton of Mr. Bradstreet, Mr. Dudley, Jr., Mr. Batter, Mr. Winsley, Capt. Dennison, Mr. Clark, Mr. Woodbridge, Mr. Battye, Henry Bilye, Giles Firman, *Richard Kent*, and John Saunders granted leave for them to begin a plantation at "Merrimack." This grant was obtained Sept. 6, 1638. How much territory was included in this grant does not appear from the record, nor was that an important consideration at that time. It would not interfere with the rights of either Newbury or Hampton, and no other settlements were within range to the westward. Of the twelve who obtained this grant but two lived and died in *Salisbury*, viz., Samuel Winsley and Henry Bilye. Messrs. Bradstreet, Batter, Dennison, Clarke, Woodbridge, Firman, and *Kent* gave their names and influence to the measure, but *never settled in the new plantation.*

From the proprietors' book of records, folio forty-four, I make the following extract: . . . *Stephen Kent Richard Kent junior* and others — 91 in all:

It is declared and ordered hereby, December Seventh 1642. according to the former intentions of the towne that the persons only abovementioned are acknowledged to be freeholders by the towne and to have proportionable right in all waste lands, commons and rivers undisposed, and such as by, from, or under them, or any of them or their heirs, have bought, granted and purchased from them, or any of them, their right and title thereunto and none else.

Kent's Island. This year (1647), February seventh, "the men deputed to order the affaires and exchanges of the new towne" granted to *Richard Kent, junior*, the *Island*, which is *still called Kent's Island*, and is still owned by his descendants. It is thus mentioned in the records. After noticing "the tenn acres of upland which the towne granted him on the island over the little river, and sixty four acres of marsh," it grants him "all the rest of the upland and marsh on the island over the little river being *one hundred and Seventy acres or thereabouts*, being formerly granted to particular persons." The remainder of the island the said *Richard Kent, junior*, obtained either by purchase or exchange, either with the town or individuals, "all which land in the island above mentioned being *two hundred and fifty-eight acres* or thereabouts to enjoy to him his heires forever," and so forth. "*Town Records*."

The estate was kept in the family for many years by the will of *Richard Kent, Jr.*, who bequeathed it to his oldest male descendant. In process of time a *Mrs. Kent had twins*, and through the carelessness of the nurse it was impossible to prove the precedence of either, and consequently a John or Joseph and a Stephen each claimed as the oldest son the whole estate. There was another brother, Moses, who took no part in the quarrel, but finally the General Court annulled the proceedings and the property was divided among the three. The island remained divided until the time of the father of the late *Paul Kent*, who became possessed of the whole, and from him it finally passed into the hands of *Joshua N. Kent.*.

November 30th, 1652. There was voted by the major part of the towne: "that Mr Woodman, *Richard Kent, junior*, lieutenant Pike and Nicholas Noyes, should be a committee for the managing the business of the schoole."

1654. Kent's Island, with sixteen cows and four oxen on it, was let this year, for seven years, by *Richard Kent*, to Launcelot Granger for forty-six pounds a year.

(Wills in Suffolk Co.) A list of debts due to the late Martine Stebbins Victualler Anno 1657. 1658. 1659. *Richd Kent* et al.

(*1658*) *agt. the next Generall Court to Jno. Emery Jno. Webster*, & such others as are named in the papers brought into the Court, to appeare before the Generall Court in October next, to answer wt is lajd agt them for theire abusiue in that petition yt Heñ Short *Richd Kent*, Richd Knight, Nicõ Nojes & Anthony Somersby then also appeare, & make good wt they Chardge agt the other persons.

To ye honoured Generall Court assembled at Boston Sepr—11th—1666 The humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the towne of Newberry may it please the honoured Genll Court, your Petitioners being informed that Letters are lately come from his Mattie to the councill of this Colony expressive of his ill resentmt of their proceedings in reference to his Commissioners lately sent hither, insomuch that his Mattie hath thereupon required some principall Persons to be sent from hence with command upon their allegiance to attend his matties pleasure in order to a finall determination of such differences & debates as have happened between his Matties sayd Commissioners & the Governmt heere: which Declaration of his Mattie they cannot but looke upon as a matter of Such great importance, as it doth justly call for all manner of most serious consideration what is to be done in reference thereunto, wherefore that they might neither be wanting to yourselves in withholding any due Encouragmt that their Concurrence might afford in So arduous a matter, nor to themselves & the Country in being involved by their Silence in the dangerous mistakes of persons (how ever otherwise wek

minded) inclining to disloyal principles. They desire they may have liberty without offence to propose some of their thoughts & feares about y^t matter in hand unto your Serious deliberation. Yow Petitioners humbly conceive that those who live in this age of the world are as much as any others concerned in that advice of the wiseman to keep the Kings Commandm^t because of the Oath of God & not be hasty to goe out of his Sight, that doth whatsoever pleaseth him, wherefore they desire that seeing his Matie hath already taken no little displeasure ag^t us for o^r seeming to disowne his jurisdiction over o^r effectual care may be taken least by refusing to attend his maj^ties order for the Cleering of o^r right in that particular we should plunge o^rSelves into greater disfavour & danger.

Our receiving a Charter for the planting of this Colony from his ma^ties royall Predecessors with the confirmation of the Same obtained by our late Address from his own royall Person Sufficiently declares the place to be part of his ma^ties dominions & o^rSelves his Subjects, the wch allso is further testified unto by the first Governour Mr Mathew Craddock his being recorded Furatus defide & obedientia &c. before one of the masters in Chancery: whence it is evident that if any proceedings of Ours have given occasion to apprehend that wee believe his Matie hath no jurisdiction over v^s. what speedy course had need be taken to free ourselves from the suspicion of So dangerous an offence & to give his Matie all due Satisfaction in that Behalfe. It is not easy to determine whether Such an assertion were more derogating from his ma^ties Honour or destructive to o^r owne wellfare It were too much presumtion for Subjects to Vye with their Prince upon the points of his Soveraignty & Jurisdiction. The doubtfull interpretation of the words of a Patent (wch. word is no reason to hope they should ever be construed to the divesting of a Soveraigne Prince of his regall power over his Naturall Subjects) is to fraile a foundation to build So transcendent an immunity & priveledge upon Your Petitioners shall never be unwilling to acknowledge how much they with others are bound to yourselves & others in your capacity for your abundant paines & travell in upholding the governm^t of this Colony & maintaining the liberty thereof & they doe professedly declare themselves willing to run any hazards with you in order . . . regular defence & Securing the Same & are very unwilling to reflect on the persons of them . . . have so much reason to honour & respect: but in things of so great weight wherein the honour of Allmighty God, the Credit of the Gospell as well as the interest of their owne persons & estates are Concerned they hope & earnestly desire that no party will irrestibly carry on any designs of dangerous consequence as to necessitate their brethern equally engaged with them in the same undertaking to make their particular Addresse to his ma^tie & declaration to the world to Cleare themselves from the imputation of dissefection or disloyalty to the person or governm^t of their lawfull Prince & Soveraigne *Wherefore your Petitioners* do humbly intreat. that if any occasion hath bin given to his Matie So to resent any of o^r former proceedings, as in his Letters is held forth. that nothing of that nature be farther proceeded in: but on the contrary that Application be made to his Matie by meet persons chosen & Sent for that end. to Cleare o^rSelves & acting from Such Construction least otherwise that wch if duely improved might have bin as a cloud of the latter raine be turned into that wch in the conclusion may prove more terrible than the roaring of a Lyon Thus craving your favourable interpretation of what is heere humbly presented. Your Petitioners Shall be ever obliged to thankfullnesse &c

Perry Thomas *James Kent*
Richard Kent *John Kent* & 35 other names

To the honored Court now sitting at Ipswich, March thirtieth 1669.

We whose names are underwritten for ourselves and others the inhabitants of Newbury, doe humbly present, though to our great grief, that M^r. Edward Woodman Spake in a town assembly before strangers publiquely on March first 1669. that *Mr John Woodbridge was an intruder, brought in by craft and Subtility*, and so kept in notwithstanding he was voted out twice, which we know to be untrue, and look upon as Scandalous. Also he said to Mr Parker that he was an *apostate and backslider from the truth*, that he would set up a prelacy, and have

more power than the pope, for the pope had his council of cardinals, that his practice or actings did not tend to peace or salvation, that he was the cause of all our contention and misery. That you are an apostate and backslider. Also he said to captain Gerrish that he was no lover of the truth, that his gray hairs would stand where captain Gerrish his bald pate would, all which we humbly conceive tends not only to the reproach of the parties concerned, but to the great disturbance of our peace both civil and ecclesiastical, and therefore leave it to the serious consideration of this honored court for Some suitable redress as they shall think meet

Witnesses
Nicholas Noyes
Ensign John Knight
Thristram Coffin
Thomas Hale Senior
Joseph Muzzey
Nathaniel Clarke

Richard Kent Jr.
Henry Short
Anthony Somerby

Another long paper is on record on the above subject signed by *Richard Kent* and others to the court sitting at Ipswich, 28th April, 1669.

On the next day, March 23 (1670), Mr. Parker and some brethren with him sent the following paper to Mr. Woodman's party: . . . (Signed by) Thomas Parker. Names of those who adhered to Mr. Parker and did not act on Mr. Parker's sentence: *John Kent, James Kent, Richard Kent*, and others.

At the April term, 1671, of the Court at Ipswich the following complaint was entered (on the same and presented by) *Richard Kent*, Daniel Pierce, Senior.

The following are the names of Mr. Parker's party: *Richard Kent, John Kent, James Kent* et al. — whole number 41.

To the Honor. Genrll Court Assembled at Boston May 11th. 1670 The petition of Sundry the Inhabitants of Nubury on behalfe of themselves & others Humbly Shewing — That when and while as the printed Law page 56 : 5 : 4 Stood in full forse And as wee Humblie Conceive not yett repealed or made Void by any other law, That Archelaus Woodman was ordrly nominated & chosen by their Company for their Lenut. And John Knight for Ensigne in prSence of Major. Denison & others, But the late Law published May : 69 : then under Suspene their Establishmt at Countie Court was not presented for avoiding all appearnce of offence to Authority, which Delay hath unexpectedly occasioned Verie uncomfortable Comotoñs, in Soroue & trouble to the Successive Genrll Courts And to Some prsons of quallitie in other respects, as is not unknowne to the Worshple Majtie Genrll Leverett & Major. Denison But for as much as by ye Evidence of ye all disposing & onely wise God the Authority thereof is reserved unto this Honorb Court And nothing acted in these places by any other prsons for ye two years now past Since the forSd Choice so made by the Companie Our most Humble petition is that According to ye wonted clemencie of this Honrbl Court unto the Humble Addresses of their Suppliants in like Cases. That the Said Woodman And Knight may by this Honorb Court be accepted & Confirmed in those respective places which yor petitionrs Doe Humblie Conceive the . . . of all things thereto relating duly Considered (whatever otherwise Hath any ways fallen from Any Amongst us) may & will to yor Wisdomes appeare both Just & Equall, And most conducing to a Lasting praer Among yor people here which after long and grevious Contentions through Abundant mercy accompaning the Indeavrs of some neibo churches, is beyond expectation to yr rejoycing of many hearts now lately Attayned the Continuance whereof if God so please, through yor favourable aspect on yor petitionrs Herin to be more firmly rooted & Increased is Verie Humblie & heartily desyred by us. Yor most Humble Srvts & Suppliants

Ric Kent & 9 others

September 29th. 1675. Richard Kent's man was pressed [King Philip's War].

CHAPTER VII.

JAMES KENT OF IPSWICH, 1634, NEWBERRY, 1635, HIS DESCENDANTS AND POSSIBLE ENGLISH ANCESTRY, A.D. 1566 TO 1897.

Among the names of the Kents on record in the counties of England are the following, which may belong to this family:

YORKSHIRE RECORDS, YORKSHIRE FINES.

1566. Michaelmas Term, 8 and 9 Elizabeth. Plaintiff, William Rayner. Deforciants, *Richard Kent* and *Ann* his wife. Nature and situation of the property, messuage and a cottage with lands in Hertishede.

WILLS IN THE YORK REGISTRY — proved year 1638–9. Bundle for January. Testator's name, residence, and occupation: *Kent, James*, Bramley. Date of will: Dec. 11, 1637. Bundle for June. Testator's name, residence, and occupation: *Kent, Robert*, Heddingley (a fragment). Date of will: ——, 1636.

REGISTER OF ST. NICHOLS ACOUS, LONDON.

1613. Baptisms, June 20. *Elizabeth Kent*, daughter to **JAMES KENT,** at the ffrench Church. *Note.* — This bap., although here stated to have taken place at the French Church, occurs in the Dutc h Church Register as "*t'Kint.*"

Apl. 28, 1616. *Anne Tkint* the daughter of *Jaques Tkint* at the Duch Church.

1617–8. *Mary Tkint* the daughter of *Jaques Tkint* at the Duch Church.

10. *Elizabeth Tkint* the daughter of *Jaques Tkint* and *Elizabeth* his Wyfe in the duche Church.

1622. *Jaques Tkint* the Sonne of *Jaques Tkint* and Elizabeth his wife in the Duch Church. *Note.* — Christian name given as "Jacob" in the Dutch Register.

Mch. 7, 1623–4. *James Tkent* the Sonne of *Jaques Tkent* and Elizabeth his Wife Duch Church. *Note.* — Christian name given as "Jacob" in the printed Dutch Register.

1683–4, Jan. 14. *Mary Kent* daughter to *John Kent.*

Marriages: **1573**, July 12. *Henry Kent and Jane Gabbett.*
1592, Nov. 1. *Willeam Kent* and Jane Killingbecke.
1640, Nov. 5. *Willeam Kent* of Stradford Lanton in the Countie of Essex yeoman and Marie Tumrike of the parish of St. Michell Cornhill.

STAPLEHILL OF DARTMOUTH.

Agnes uxor *William Kent* of Dartmouth mar. lic. 19 Jan. 1615–16 Exeter. Anne mar. 22 Jan. 1615–16 at Townstall to *William Kempe. Note.* — Evidently the same as William Kent and evidently one with Anne.

ARCHDEACONS OF SUDBURY, COUNTY CAMBRIDGE.

1621. *Theophilus Kent;* he was a sufferer in the grand rebellion.

PARISH OF ROTHERHAM.

The family of *Kent*, who have been numerous in the parish of Rotherham, and have produced several clergymen, may seem to have a claim to *William Kent* the artist, who did so much to improve the public taste in gardening. Vertue says that he was a native of Yorkshire, and the following entry in the parish register of Rotherham agrees well with the time of his birth: 1684, March 27, bap. *William Kent.*

THE CHURCH. INSCRIPTIONS.

Kent, William, son of *Richard* of Kimberworth, gent., died 16 Sept., 1680, aged 10. Elizabeth, his wife, buried 30 May, 1693, aged 49. Richard of Kimberworth, gent., died 29 June, 1711, aged 67. William, son of Richard, gent., died 12 May, 1724, aged 44. (Several others of recent date.)

Cheshire Records. *Harrwich Hundreds.* Rectors of Coppenhall: George Massy (. . .) resigned the living on a pension of five marks, payable out of its fruits, and his successor *William Kent* (probably of a family of that name settled in or about Northwich) also resigned on a similar pension, "out of the Chapel fruits."

Harleian Society Records. Marriage Allegations in the Registery of the Vicar-General of the Archbishop of Canterbury:

May 18, 1665. *George Kent* of S^t^. Dustan's East, Gent. Bach^r^ about 29 & Susanne Tomkins of Same Sp^r^. about 25 & at own dispose; at St Gregory's London.

1665–6, Feb. 12. *Richard Kent* of S^t. Margaret's Westminster, Gent. Bach^r ab^t. 23 & Bridget Harris of S^t. Paul's Convent Garden Sp^r ab^t. 23 & at own dispose; at St Clement Danes or S^t. Mary, Somerset, Lond.

LIST OF EMIGRANTS TO AMERICA, 1600 TO 1700.

ten yeares theire Names as followeth Viz *Edward Kent* age 19 years (indorse) 9 Dec. 1685 et al.

The men whose names are contained in the within written list are Shipt upon the acc^t of John Rose & company on board the Jam^a Merch^t to be landed & disposed of in Barbados or in Jamaica: John Rose.

Receipt for one hundred *Prisoners* on Mr Nepho's Acc° to *be Sent to Barbadoes* Prisoners in Dorchester Goale to bee Transported: *Peter Kent.*

JAMES KENT,[1] bro. of Richard Kent, Jr., and Hunt, in his "Hist. of Essex Co.," says son of Richard, Sr., landed first at Ipswich in 1634, and proceeded by water to Newberry in 1635.

"1633 First settlers of Newbury, uniform tradition asserts that they came by water from Ipswich, through Plum Island sound and up the river Quascacunquen [now river Parker] to the place they had selected as their future habitation. Tradition asserts that they landed on the north bank of the river, about one hundred rods below the spot where the bridge now stands, and that Nicholas Noyes was the first person who leaped ashore. The company was few in number, and probably consisted of Mr. Henry Sewall and servants, William Moody, his wife and four sons, Andrew Short, Henry Short and wife, Mr John Spencer, Mr. Nicholas Easton, his wife and son John, RICHARD KENT, SENIOR, and STEPHEN KENT, *brothers*, with their wives, RICHARD KENT, JUNIOR, and JAMES KENT, *brothers*," etc., etc.

Persons admitted to ffreedom by this Court [19 May, 1669] & those y^t. tooke their oaths are set doune first, ye y^t tooke it not are und ye line: *James Kent*, Newb. *Jn° Kent*.

He probably mar. in this country, as no wife is mentioned on his arrival from England. He left one son, JOHN,[2] who inherited Kent's Island from his uncle Richard, Jr., and thence *in perpetuum* to the eldest male heir, viz.: John's son, *Col. Richard*, and to his son, *Capt. Richard.*

After careful research I think it probable that the John Kent of Newberry referred to in the following items was John, son of James, as above:

On February ninth, 1683, the Court of Assistants "order that the port of Boston to which Charlestown is annexed, and the port of Salem, to which Marblehead, Beverly, Gloucester, Ipswich, Rowley, Newbury and Salisbury are annexed, as members, shall be the lawful ports of this Colony, where ships and other vessels shall lade or unlade any of the plantation's enumerated goods, or other goods from foreign parts and no where else," and so forth.

This occasioned the following petition: "To the honored general court now Sitting in Boston, the humble petition of some of Newbury Wee humbly crave the favour that your honors would be pleased to Consider our little Zebulon and to ease us of that Charge which at present we are forced unto by our goeing to Salem to enter our vessells and thereby are forced to stay at least tow days before we can unload, besides other charges in going and Coming — That some meet person might be appointed to receive the enter of all Vessells, and to act and doe according as the law directs in that case and we shall be bound forever to pray for your honors. May, fifteenth 1683"

John Kent and 10 others.

August 22d. 1689 Brig "*Merrimack*" of Newbury, *Captain John Kent*, was Captured by pirates in Martin Vineyard Sound.

Aug. 19th. 1689 The Council, having been informed, that Thomas Hawkins and others were acting as pirates order the sloop "*Restitution*" with forty men, Joseph Taxter, master, to go after them. These pirates took &c. &c. They captured the brig "Merrimack" of Newburyport, *Capt. John Kent*, on the 22nd in "Martin Vineyard Sound."

1689 — Capt Peas sent after *Pirates* in the sloop "Mary" of Boston He came up and fought one in "Martin Vineyard Sound." Capt Pease is killed, but the pirate is taken by his crew.

(In a foot-note to the above from Mr. Felt's "Annals of Salem.") These Pirates Captured the Brig Merrimack of Newburyport, *Capt. John Kent* on the 22d in Martin Vineyard sound.

They killed him and wounded some of his crew.

Extract from Deposition of Thomas Pound the Pirate.

Boston 19th Octobr 1689 On or about the twentyeth day of August met with a Briganteen belonging to Newbury, *John Kent* master from New Yorke, and sent the Boat with ffour or ffive hands on board said Briganteen, and brought her neer to o^r Sloop's side, out of which Briganteen wee tooke Eighteen halfe barrels of Flower, two hogsheads of Sugar and one hogshead of Rhum and three small Armes and so dismist the Briganteen.

July 24, 1690. Writt to Major Saltonstall and sent him a Barrel of Salt in Token of my Remembrance of him and sympathy with him in his dangers and confinements, dwelling in a fronteer Town as he does &c Sent ℔. Skipar *Jno. Kent* of Newberry.

March 2. 1704 Resolved that the sum of Sixteen Pounds & sixteen Shillings & ten Pence be allowed & paid out of the publick Treasury, to the persons respectively to whom the same is due in full of an acc^t presented Viz. To John Woodman for Ferriage Three Pounds five shillings & four Pence. To *John Kent* master of the Sloop "Planter" Nine Pounds. To divers Persons sent Post &c Four Pounds eleven Shillings & Six pence. W^ch Resolve being Read at the Board was Concurr^d and is Consented to J. Dudley.

April 24th. 1711 *John Kent* of the island had his barn burnt by tobacko with six oxen and four calves and a goose, that was bringing young ones. (Sewall's diary.)

JOHN,[2] "only son and heir" of James,[1] was b. 1641, and d. Jan. 30, 1717–18. Over his grave is a freestone slab resting on brickwork which states that he d. in his 78th year. His wife is buried in the same graveyard back of the old Town Meeting House. He mar. Feb. 24, 1665, *Mary* (or Malby) *Hobbs*, who d. Sept. 8, 1725, aged 82. John Kent[2] owned half of Kent's Island; the other half was given to his son by his

great-uncle Richard, for whom he was named. There was a house on the island standing in a pear orchard at the south of an old barn owned by Joseph,[5] then Paul,[6] but John[2] probably resided in the old homestead built in 1700, and still standing in 1830. He appears to have been a man of property, of energy, and good character.

JOHN[2] and MARY HOBBS KENT had children:

I. JOHN, b. April 8 and d. June 24, 1665.
II. SARAH, b. Aug. 1, 1666; d. soon.
III. SARAH, b. Aug. 30, 1667; mar., June, 1696, Jacob Toppan, Jr., b. May 20, 1671, and had chil.: Sarah, b. 1697; Hannah, b. 1699; Samuel, b. 1702.
IV. MARY, b. Sept. 10, 1668; d. March 17, 1702–03.
V. RICHARD,[3] b. June 25, 1670–73.
VI. JANE, b. . . . ; mar. James Smith abt. 1695.
VII. JOHN,[3] b. July 16, 1675; mar. Jan. 14, 1701–02, *Sarah*, dau. Joseph and Mary *Little*, b. Oct. 23, 1683. He d. abt. 1703, and Sarah then mar. Bartholomew, son of Jonathan and Mary Thing of Exeter, Apl. 2, 1712.
VIII. JAMES,[3] b. Sept. 3, 1679; mar. Elizabeth. . . .
IX. WILLIAM,[3] b. July 31, 1682; d. Mch. 26, 1703.

RICHARD,[3] son of John,[2] James,[1] mar. 1st, 1709, *Sarah Greenleaf*, possibly a relative of Judge Greenleaf, whose dau. mar. C. J. Parsons. Richard and Sarah had nine children, all of whom d. under 20 years of age except Richard.[4] Mr. Kent was Col. in the militia and a Justice of the Peace, when these offices were deemed more honorable than they are at the present day. In 1733 he acted as a Justice in Boston. He resided in Newburyport most of the time, but not on Kent Island; and he was engaged in trade, accumulating considerable property. His 1st wife d. Apl. 12, 1723; and he was mar. 2d, by Rev. L. Bradstreet, Sept. 8, 1724, at Charlestown, to Widow *Hannah Carter*, dau. of Rev. Nath'l *Gookin*, Pastor of Church of Christ in Cambridge, and widow of Vincent Carter of Charlestown, whom she mar. Aug. 10, 1711. Col. Richard d. in 1740, aged 67. His 2d wife, who survived him several years, is said to have been somewhat of a grave formal person of the old school, and anxious to maintain her rank in society. She d. Mch. 20, 1758, in her 67th year; a commemorative sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Lowell. Her will was proved Apl. 3, 1758, and she made devise to son Nath'l Carter, and to her children by Col. Kent. Col. and Mrs. Kent are buried on the

top of "Burying Hill, near the old mill and pond," and placed over the grave is a heavy freestone slab, with a slate in the shape of a heart let into it, bearing an inscription. Mrs. Kent by her first husband had a son Nath'l Carter, who became one of the three richest merchants of his time in Newburyport.

The following, taken from *court*, *State*, and *town records*, indicate that Col. Kent was held in high repute:

MAY 28 1718 THE NAMES OF THE REPRESENTATIVES County of Essex — Newbury *Cpt Richard Kent*

MAY 27. 1719 The names of the Representatives County of Essex — Newbury — *Cpt Richard Kent*

NOV 5. 1719 A message came up from the House by Cpt Prebble & *Cpt Kent* to desire that his Excellency would lay before the Papers relating to the *Danger from the Indians* & the Papers relating to the abuses in Pitch & Tar.

JUNE 15. 1721 A PETITION OF RICHARD KENT OF NEWBURY ESQ. Shewing that at a Court of Quarter Sessions of the peace held at Newbury in September last, he preferred a Complaint Sett^g forth that being *possessed in Fee of a house & Land near a place called Watts Cellar in Newbury* which he had Quietly Enjoyed for some considerable time, and Improved and fenced in the Land without any disturbance, but that on or about the 17th of Sept. Jonathan Greely, Elias Pyke and Anthony Downer, under pretence of a Warr^t Granted by Henry Sommerly Esqr did come to the petitioners house & *pull Down the Garden Fence and did spoil and wast the S^d. Garden to the gr^d Damage of the petitioner* that the s^d Conrt Continued the Consideration of his s^d. Complaint to Decr Following, That the petitioner supposing that the Court would act no further on his Complaint, Title of Land being Concerned in the Controversy, did bring his writt of Trespass upon the case against the s^d Jonathan Greely, Elias Pyke and Anthony Downer, for Illegally, pulling down and Carrying away his Garden fence, to be tried in December last, but it being alleged that the petitioners complaint aforementioned was under Consideration of the Court of General sessions, at the same time Holden. The Court would not proceed to tryall of his action untill his Complaint be withdrawn, upon the withdrawing of which his said action was Continued to the next Inferiour Court of Common pleas: when the petitioner recovered Judgment against the Defendant for £6. 11/ — being the Damage sued for and Costs, from which Judgment the Defendants appealed to the next Seperior Court held at Ipswich In the County of Essex in may last when and where the Writt was Barred upon the pleas Reserved that the Inferiour Court and the Judgment of the said Court Reversed and the appellants recovered Costs against the petitioner: and for as much as he conceives himself Greatly Injured in his Rights and is without Remedy in the Law, Humbly praying that the Judges of the Superiour Court may be Impowered to proceed to a Tryall of his s^d action De Nova (upon his making a new Entry) as if no pleas in bar had ever been made or that he may have Such other relief, in the Premises as to their Wisdom and Justice shall see meet. In council Read & ordered. That a hearing be had on this petition on Wednesday the Twenty first Instant and that the petitioner serve the adverse party with a copy thereof.

June 16. 1721 *The petition of Richard Kent Esqr* and the order therein in Council as Entered yesterday — In the House of Representatives Read and Concurred with the Following Amendment Viz: that the hearing be deferred to the Second Wednesday of the next fall Session in Council Read & Concurred Consented to Sam^ll Shute

March 7. 1721 A hearing was held this day on the Petition of *Richard Kent Esqr* as entered June 5th 1721 befor the Whole Court

ON THE PETITION OF RICHARD KENT ESQ^R *March 8. 1721.* In Council a

hearing having been yesterday had before the Whole Court on this Petition The Board are of opinion that the Petitioner hath his Remedy for the Tryall of his Title against Richard Currier Jeremiah Stevens and Thomas Lambert for taking Down & Carrying away his fence. Therefore ordered, That the petition be dismissed. In the House of Representatives Read and Concurred Consented to Sam^ll Shute

PROPRIETARY HISTORY OF CHESTER, N.H.

"At a meeting of the Committee Sept. 29. 1721 —*Capt. Richd Kent and* others. were *admitted Proprietors.*" In a Schedule of the *Proprietors' names* of the town of Chester appears: *Capt. Richd. Kent.*

Capt. Richard Kent was of Newbury and sold his right to John Tyler of Boxford in 1727 for £100.

Table containing the Names of the *Original Grantors* of *Chester* with the number of their lotts *Capt Richard Kent:*

HL.	ADD	OH	2P2D.	3dD	4^th^D.	5^th^D.	6^th^D.
5	43.	6.	3.	112.	89.	4.	23.

DEC 17 1723 A MEMORIAL of Benjamin Lynde & John Turner Esq^rs, two of the Surviving Commis^rs of the £100,000 Loan for the County of Essex Shewing that Daniel Rogers & Henry Somerly Esq^rs are taken off by Death & Walter Price Esqr is Disabled by Sickness & Refuses to act in Said office That the memorialists have applyed to the quarter sessions for Said County Desiring them to fill up said Vacancies, who had appointed Several persons to that office, but they Refused to under take it & therefore praying that this Court would supply the said Vacancies with some Suitable persons. In the House of Represent^y Read & Voted that Captn Peter Osgood & Capt Daniel Epes of Salem & *Capt Richard Kent* of Newbury be added to the said Commis^rs who are in all things directed to observe the Laws Respecting the Letting out & Calling In the said *hundred Thousand pounds Loan* & the Interest that may arise thereon

In Council Read & Concur'd. Consented to Wm Dummer.

THE GENERAL COURT passed the following resolve or order June 4, 1725: "Whereas at the anniversary of the town-meeting in the town of Haverhill in March last there happened to be two contending parties who assembled at the meeting-house, and did there and then choose two Sets of town-officers, whereby great difficulties arose in the said town, and Considerable expense occasioned in the law: and it is feared that no good government Can be supported unless some Speedy care be taken to prevent these disorders For preventing whereof, and to put an end to said Strife, it is ordered by this General Court, that Joshua Swan and Nathaniel Peasley Constables for the town in 1724 be and are hereby required to warn the freeholders and Other inhabitants to assemble at the meeting-house in Haverhill on the ninth of June at ten o'clock A.M. and then and there choose all the town officers which the law requires to be chosen in the month of March annually; and that *Richard Kent Esqr* [of Newbury] *be desired to be present* at the said meeting; and he is *empowered to moderate the affairs*, and no other person be allowed to vote but such as are lawfully qualified," etc., etc. A meeting was accordingly held on the ninth of June, and *Richard Kent* presided.

DEC 30. 1725 A MEMORIAL OF RICHARD KENT, Esq^R Praying that this Court would give order for the Payment of his accompt of Time & Expence in two Journeys to Haverhill to attend as Moddrator of their Town Meeting by Direction of this Court. The said acc^t amounting to £7.4 — In the House of Represent^ves Read & Resolved that the sum of Five Pounds four shillings be allowed & paid by the Town of Haverhill to Richard Kent Esqr in full Discharge thereof In Council Read & Concur'd. — Consented to Wm Dummer

May 25. 1726 The Names of the *Representatives* for the Several Towns County of Essex — Newbury — *Richard Kent Esqr*

Nov 28. 1726 IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Resolved that the sum of Fifteen Pounds be allowed & paid out of the publick Treasury to *Richard Kent Esq* to be paid by him to Hugh Pike of Newbury in *consideration of the misfortunes & Difficulties he has undergone* &c &c

Decem^r 3. 1726 An 'accompt presented by *Richard Kent Esqr* of his Time and Expence in *attending on his Honour the Lieut Govern^r* at the late Ratification of the Peace at Falmouth amounting to the sum of £20-10-10 In the House of Representatives Resolved That the sum of twenty Pounds ten shillings and ten pence be allowed and paid out of the publick Treasury to the accomptant Richard Kent Esqr in full Discharge thereof In Council Read and Concur'd — Consented to W^m. Dummer.

Dec 21. 1726 Major John Quincy, Major John Chandler & Coll *Richard Kent* brought up the votes of the House for two Truck Masters (to reside at Richmond and St Georges River) Severally, and being joined by Spencer Phips, Thomas Palmer & Edward Hutchinson Esq^rs Sorted & number'd the Votes for Truck Masters until the Elections were finished after which &c &c.

Decem^r 28 1726 An accompt presented by *Richard Kent Esqr* of Expresses Sent in His Majestys Service & Horse Hire for Several Persons sent Express in the years 1723 & 1725 amounting to the Sum of £3 2.8 In the House of Represent^ves. Resolved that the sum of Forty three Shillings & four pence be allowed & paid out of the publick Treasury to the Accomptant Richard Kent Esqr to be by repaid to whom it is respectively due in full Discharge of the within account. In Council Read & Concur'd — Consented to Wm Dummer

To the Honourable *William Dummer Esqr Lieut Governor and Commander in Chief in and over his majesties Province of the Massachusets Bay in New England and to the Honourable His Maj^ts Counsell:*

Whereas Capt Cornwall has seen cause to Complain of Ill treatment from the Honble. Col^o Brown Col^o Noyes and myself and has taken the the freedom of terming of us Eminently disafected to his majesties service. In answer to Said Complaint So far a I was knowing or any way concerned I would Humbly offer that this Gentleman Capt Cornwall never did as yet give me the oppertunity of treating of him either well or Ill for he never Spake one word to me or wrote a word to me neither Sent any message to me on any acount whatsoever and I know not how I can serve a man, that will not give me the oppertunity and as to what he has bin pleas^d to say Concerning one Mr Moore an officer belonging to His Maj^ties Ship "Shernis" and that he the said M^r moore Shewed Colo. noyes and I the man to wit Georg Beachum painting of a boat that I must deny as absolutly falce for I know nothing of It. I have likewise asked Col^o Noyes least there should be anything Said to that Efect which I might not observe and he tould me that he did not heare the Said More say one word to that purpose, the Said moore never told me his name, his office, neither that he was an officer, and as for George Beachum I never heard of any person of that name before, but I went out and Enquired of the people of our Town who Informed me that there was a man of that name that had lived in the Town near about one yeare and three quarters and that he had bin Rated to the province Tax as a Town Inhabitant but the select men afterward found him So poore that they forgave him his Rates and ware afraid that he would come to be a Town Charg, So that there was no Temtation of consealing or with'holding of this man, but I Should have bin glad to have gratified Capt Cornwall for our own advantage the Saveing of the Town from Charge. So that if I could have seen anyway that I could have acted Safely I should redyly aplied mySelf to the buisnes and don all in my power for the Securing and conveying of him to Capt Cornwall for wee Should have bin glad to be rid of him, So that if I have omited my duty through Ignorance I must pray your Honours pardon and hope I shall be beter Informed of my duty for the future. And as to that part of the Complaint Col^o noyes saying that Some times Captains of men of war used their men Ill which occasioned their runing away your Honours are not unaquainted that he is a very aged Gentleman and being very Ill I must leave that part of the Charge to be answered by him if he shall ever recover his helth

I am your Honours most obedient Servant
Richard Kent

PROPRIETARY RECORDS, CONCORD, N.H., *1732*.

Upon application to *Richard Kent, Esq., of Newbury*, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Essex, Nathaniel Abbott was authorized to call a meeting of the proprietors to be held at the meeting-house in Pennycook September 14, 1732. . . . Also, notification to Nathaniel Abbott to call meeting dated Newbury, 10th Aug., 1732.

(Signed) *Richard Kent Justice of the Peace*

May 29. 1734 The names of the Representatives Returned to serve in this Great and General Court or assembly are County of Essex Newbury *Richard Kent Esqr*.

JUNE 18. 1734 IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTV. Read & ordered that . . . & *Colo Kent* with Such as the Honble Board Shall join be a comtee to take the within Message ["Governors message about giving Commissions to the Indians"] under Consideration and make Report of what they may think proper for the Court to do in answer thereto.

Col. Kent is said to have been a friend of and at one time aid to Gen. Pepperell.

DEC 17. 1734 A PETITION OF COLO RICHARD KENT, setting forth *his Services in a former Indian War under Colo Hilton that a Considerable number of Indians were then Killed* that the petitioner advanced Several sums for the Encouragment of his Company by which he has lost above Seventy pounds that the *Petitioner's uncle John Hobbs (to whom he is Sole Heir) was Slain in the Narraganset war* for which no Consideration has been made in the Grant to the Narraganset Soldiers Praying for a Grant of Land in Satisfaction for the service and Losses aforesaid: IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENT Read & in answer to this petition Ordered that the Petr. have leave by a Survey and Chainman on oath to Survey and lay out *Three Hundred Acres of the unappropriated Land of this Province* adjoining to some Township in full for the Services within Mentioned, as well his own as the Right and Gratuity of the Said *John Hobbs who was Killed in the Narraganset war* and Return a plat thereof to this Court within twelve months for Confirmation In Council Read & Concurr'd. Consented to I Belcher

JUNE 6. 1735. A PLAT OF THREE HUNDRED ACRES of Land Granted by the General Court to *Richard Kent Esqr*. Surveyed by Richard Hazzen Surveyor & Chainman on Oath, lying *adjacient* to *the Town of Rumford*: begining at a *stake & Stones by Rumford line* thence Runing West 17 Deg South on Said line about two hundred and twenty five poles, *to a white Ash Mark'd K* by Merrimack River. thence Runing up Said River about two hundred and ninety two poles to a *horn beam Marked RK* thence East ten Deg. north about two hundred & twenty five poles to a *Pitch pine Mark'd RK*. thence about two hundred & Eight poles to the bounds first Mentioned. In the House of Represents Read & ordered that the Plat be accepted and the Lands herein delineated and described be and hereby are Confirmed to the said Richard Kent Esqr. his heirs and Assignes forever. Provided the Plat exceeds not the quantity of three hundred acres of land, and does not Interfere with any former Grant. In Council Read & Concurr'd Consented to J Belcher

COL. RICHARD KENT *by his first wife had one surviving child:*

I. RICHARD,[4] b. 1715, probably in the home afterward occupied by his descendant *Joshua*.

By his second wife he had children:

II. MARY, b. June 8, 1725; mar. . . .; d. early, leaving children.

III. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 6, 1727; mar. Samuel Burk.

IV. SARAH, b. . . .;

mar. Dudley Atkins, a merchant of Newburyport, who d. aged 37, leaving at least two chil.: Rebecca, who d. unmarried, and Dudley Atkins *Tyng*, a lawyer and reporter of the decisions of the Supreme Court.

V. JOSEPH,[4] b. June 19, 1729.

VI. JOHN,[4] b. Dec. 30, 1731; d. 1756, unmarried.

JOHN,[3] son of John,[2] James,[1] mar. *Rebecca Somerby* and had children:

I. REBECCA, b. May 4, 1696, at 4 P.M.

II. JOHN,[4] b. Sept. 4, 1698.

III. EMMA, b. Feb. 28, 1700–01;
mar. 1st, Feb. 23, 1739-40, Spindelow Morrison, a joiner of Newbury. She mar. 2nd, Dec. 13, 1750, John Lowden of Newburyport.

IV. SARAH, b. Mch. 7, 1703–4.

V. MARY, b. Mch. 30, 1706–7.

VI. RICHARD,[4] b. June 3, 1710.

RICHARD,[4] son of Col. Richard,[3] John,[2] James,[1] was a *Captain in the Militia*, and is said to have always served his men with rum when he turned them out for drill. He is said to have led a Bohemian life. When 25 years of age his father died, and he entailed his estate to his oldest son, etc. When Wm. Bartlett of Newbury was 90, he is said to have remarked that when he was 12 Capt. Richard Kent bought a horse for which he paid $1,000 in silver money. He did little of benefit for the public, spending most of his time in amusement. He d. May 8, 1760, aged 45, and lies buried at Withington's Meeting House church-yard. He mar. about 1740 *Anne Hale* of that part of Newbury afterwards called Byfield.

She descended from Capt. Joseph Hale, b. Feb. 24, 1674, who mar. Mary, dau. of Caleb Moody, and d. Jan. 24, 1755. She d. Apl. 16, 1753, aged 74; of their chil.: **1.** *Judith*, b. 1700; mar. Dea. Sam'l Moody of Byfield. They had descendants: Paul Moody, and Enoch Moody, who mar. Nancy Kent. **2.** *Mary*, b. Mch. 25, 1703; mar. Edmund Greenleaf of Newbury. **3.** *Elizabeth*, b. Apl. 9, 1705; mar. Geo. Thurlow of Newbury; descendants: Paul Kent's wife, Geo. Thurlow, and others. **4.** *Sarah*, b. Oct., 1707; mar. Joshua Noyes of Newbury; descendants: Stephen and Jacob Kent's wives, Parker Noyes, and others. **5.** *Abigail*, b. Mch. 5, 1710; mar. Richard Coffin of Newbury. **6.** ANNA, B. AUG. 4, 1717; MAR. 1ST, CAPT. RICHD. KENT, AS ABOVE; 2ND, JOSHUA GREENLEAF. SHE D. JULY 15, 1794. **7.** *Joseph*, b. Jan. 8, 1742; mar. Mary Northend of Rowley, and lived near Dummer Academy. He d. Dec. 25, 1818. She d. Oct. 8, 1830, aged 90. They left a son and dau.: *1.* Daniel, whose 1st wife, Betsey, d. July 17, 1805, and he mar. 2d, . . . Searles, widow of Geo. Thurlow, and d. May 17, 1846, aged 78. *2.* Mary, mar. Rev. Dr. E. Parish, of Byfield, and had son: Moses T. Parish.

Capt. Richard Kent was one of the proprietors of Nottingham.

From a list of the original *proprietors* of the town of *Nottingham, N.H.: Willm Briggs Richard Kent* et al. The royal charter was obtained May 10, 1722.

Strafford County, N.H. Barrington Meeting Houses and Churches. *Cephas H. Kent* was pastor from Oct. 22, 1828, till May 3, 1830.

Soldiers of Durham in the war of the rebellion: *Charles A. Kent*, Co. E, 13th Regt., enlisted Sept. 19, 1862. Transferred V.R.C. July 1, 1864.

Rochester, N.H., Military Records 1861–65. *G. M. D. Kent*, Co. F, 7th Regt. Mustered in Sept. 19, 1861. Mustered out July 20, 1865

June 15. 1739 A Petition of Richard Kent and others a Committee for the *Proprietors of Nottingham in New Hampshire.* Shewing that one Zechariah Heard of Sudbury commenced an action against the said Proprietors for £118 &c at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Middlesex in December 1737 the writ being read to Joseph Harrington and three other Proprietors and no notice ever given of the said action to the Committee (who live out of the Province) by neglect or Connivance of the Proprietors on which the Writ was Served, and therefore Judgement went against the said Proprietors by Default, and therefore Praying that they may have a new Trial of the said cause by a Jury.

In the House of Represent^ves Read and ordered that the Petitioners Serve the adverse party the said Zechariah Heard with a copy of the Petition that he shew cause if any he have, on Fryday the twenty Second curr^t, why the prayer thereof Should not be granted In Council, Read and Concur'd Consented to J Belcher.

To His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esq Captain General and Governour in Chief in & over His Majesties Province of the Massachusetts Bay. To the Honob^le his majestys Council & Honob^le House of Representatives in General Court assembled at Boston May 1739

Richard Kent Nathan Hale and Joshua Moody a committee of the Proprietors of Nottingham Humbly Shew That one Zachariah Heard of Sudbury in the County of Middlesex yeoman Commenced a Writ against the Proprietors of Nottingham in the Province of New Hampshire, which Writ was Served by Reading it to Joseph Harrington, David Baldwin, Jonathan Fisk & Robert Cutting four of the Proprietors of Nottingham, who by neglect, or connivance with the plan^t never sent the least word or Information to the Committee of the s^d. Proprietors who live out of the Province, and so Judgm^t passed against the Proprietors of Nottingham by Default at the Inferiour Court of Common Pleas held at Charlestown for the County of Middlesex on the Second Tuesday of December AD 1737. for the sum sued for Viz one hundred & eighteen pounds, two shillings & Six pence money damage, & Costs of Court, & the plan^t having obtained this advantage refuses to take less than that sum, altho there is not near so much due to him and foreasmuch as your petitioners are without remedy in the Law without the aid of this Great & General Court Your pet^rs humbly Pray your Excellency and Honours will be pleased to take the premisses into your Serious Consideration, and enable your petitioners to appeal from the Judgm^t of the s^d. Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to the next Superiour Court of Judicature to be holden at Cambridge for the County of Middlesex the proprietors filing their Reasons of Appeal in the Clerk's office of the s^d. Inferiour Court fourteen day before the s^d Superior Court, and to direct the Justices of the said Court to proceed to the trial of the merits of ye Said Cause by a Jury, the s^d. Default notwithstanding, that So the plan^t after a fair trial may recover no more than what is justly due to him or otherwise that your Excellency & Honours will give some Effectual Order for the Relief of the s^d Proprietors in the premisses as to your Great Wisdom & Justice shall seem most meet & convenient and your pet^rs (as in duty bound) shall ever pray &c

Joshua Moody In Behalf of ye rest of ye Committee

In the House of Rep^ts June 15. 1739 Read & ordered that the pet^rs as soon as may be serve the adverse party the Said Zecheriah Heard with a copy of this petition that he shew Cause if any he hath on friday the 22^d Cur^t why the prayer thereof should not be granted Sent up for Concurrence

J Quincy Sp^kr

In Council June 15 — 1739 Read & Concur'd Simon Frost Dep^t Sec^ry
Consented to J Belcher.

In Council June 27. 1739 Read again together with the answer of Zachariah Heard and the matter being duly considered The question was put whether the Prayer of the Petition be granted? and it pass'd in the Negative: and therefore Ordered that the Petition be dismiss'd Sent down for Concurrence J Willard Secr'y

In the House of Rept^s. June 27th 1739 Read and Concurred J Quincy S p^kr 28: Consented to J Belcher

Massachusetts Bay } To His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esq^R Govern^R.
ss } Capt General & Comd^R in Chief in & over his Majesties Province of the Massachusetts Bay, to the Hon^Rable his Majesties Council and the Hon^Rable House of Representatives In General Court Assembled

The answer of Zachariah Heard of Sudbury yeoman In answer to ye Peti^n of *Richard Kent* and others proprietors of Notingham So Called, Most Humbly Sheweth to your Excellency and Hon^rs That: The said Zachariah Heard was forced to sue the Proprietors afores^d. for a Debt due to him, and He the s^d. Heard recover^d the sum of One Hundred and Eighteen pounds Two shillings and sixpence. and Cost of Court, and have since Reciev^d the Same so recovered The s^d. Petition^rs aledge that the Judgment was unduely obtain^d, and that the sum recover^d by Judgment against said proprietors was more than was justly due. which are the Two suggestions relyed upon by the Petition^rs to induce this Great & General Court to grant them their Petition, which your Respondent hopes to give such an effectual answer to as may Satisfy even his adversaries were they to Judge. As to the main poynt (Viz) That the said Zachariah Heard recovered more than was his Just Due. It is suggested indeed But not attended with any argument or proof whatsoever to support it and yor. Respondent Justly Hopes that allegation without proof will never be accepted by this Hon^rable Court to ye prejudice of your respondent. who fairly and fully prov^d his debt by producing vouchers that fully supported his demand before the Hon^rable Judges of the Court where the same was tryed, and who thereupon founded their Judgment so given in the s^d Heard's Favour And it may be considered that the particulars of Heard's demand was stated in the acco^t. annexed to the writ. which if any could be falsify^d Since he have obtain^d Judgment in his favour. The Petition^rs ought to have poynted out the same particularly, and made it manifest to this Honourable Court that they could disprove the said articles or some of them But since they cannot name on particular article that is false your Respondent Concieves it will be needless to argue further on that head, and in Case the Petition^rs were Intituled to further Credit than is given to them in Said acco^t they may Easyly gain a Tryal for ye same. the Law being open to them to assert their Right as to that particular tho in fact they have no pretence even to Suggest it — as to their other pretence that the Judgment was unfairly obtain^d they have no warrant or pretence for the same for besides that everything as to the service of the writ was perfectly comply^d with. the writ being Serv^d. on Several principal Propriet^rs who were equally concern^d. with them that were actually resident there. and in fact toke care to give them private notice of their being Sued, and Mr Drown. whome they placd great Confidence in as to their negotiation had Seasonable notice thereof. who had opportunity to give the residents there Due Notice, So that upon the whole your Respondant in Fact saith That the S^d. Sum of money Recover^d was Justly Due, and for Severall years I labour^d under great dificulties Striving to obtain an accomodation without entering into the Law being at great trouble and Expence of time and mony to raise & attend meetings being Sundry

times Sued by those whome I had imploy[d] in y[e] service of the Proprietors and did not enter into the Law till forced thereunto and then attended the direction of the Law in a fair manner as may fully appear by the papers annexed, and other proof that may be produced hence your respondent is Humbly of Opinion That it would be highly unjust to open a field of Controversy now Since the Execution has been taken out, long since return[d] — and the mony paid to him by vertue thereof. and your Respondent put to great Charge & trouble and loss of time for which he have not nor ever can receive any benefit whatsoever. Besides This Petition can in no ways by the rules of Law be regarded for that the person who signes the same does neither aledge or prove himself Qualify[d] to act for the Body of y[e] Propriet[rs] and till that is demonstrated the respondent is as liable to have a Petition prefer[d] — and subject to answer every proprietor as y[e] Persons that have Sign[d] the Same — Wherefore Confiding in the Justice of his cause and the known wisdom and integrity of your Excellency and Hon[rs]. he prays that the Petition may be dismist as causeless and vexatious, and as in Duty bound Shall always pray. Zachariah Heard

RICHARD KENT, ESQ., OF NEWBURY presided as moderator at a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Haverhill June 9, 1745.

CAPT. RICHARD[4] and ANNA HALE KENT had 3 children:

I. & II. } twins { JOSEPH,[5] STEPHEN,[5] } b. May 20, 1741, new style.

III. MOSES,[5] b. 1752.

There was a family tradition that there was an older son for whose benefit the entailment of Kent Island was made.

JOSEPH,[4] son of Col. Richard,[3] John.[2] (One *Joseph*, son of Joseph, mar. Lucy Kent Sept. 6, 1770.)

Clarissa Kent Sister to M[rs] Chadwick died 15 Sept. 1832 a 84

The deaths of this family are minutely given on a slab in the old burying-ground — erected by Clarissa Chadwick, dau. of Capt. Nathaniel.

Lawrence, Essex Co., Mass. . . . residents for a long period and actively engaged in business. . . . among *J. P. Kent* "Deceased."

Roll of Lawrence Volunteers in the Army and Navy who were killed in battle or died while in service in the civil war: *Geo. G. Kent.* Killed June 16, 1864, Petersburgh, Va.

List of Lawrence Soldiers (as compiled from the adjutants' reports):

Geo. E. Kent, Co. B, 1st H.A., and Co. F, 6th. *Justin H. Kent*, Co. B, 3d Cav., and Co. F, 6th. *Charles E. Kent*, 8th Unat.

One *Joseph Kent* was mar. Dec. 1, 1751, at Trinity Church, Boston, to Abigail Hewes.

JOHN,[4] son of John,[3] John,[2] James,[1] may have been the same who appears at Oyster River Parish, now Durham, N.H., where were admitted to the Rev. Hugh Adams' church, Sept. 14, 1718, *Jane Kent;* Oct. 18, 1719, *Joseph Kent*, who d. 1727, and whose son *Joseph* was bapt. Nov. 8, 1719, and where the children of JOHN KENT and MARY his wife were bapt., as follows:

I. ABIGAIL, bapt. Sept. 26, 1719.

II. EBENEZER,[5] " " " "

III. MARY, bapt. Sept. 26, 1719.
IV. JOHN,[5] " Oct. 30, 1725.
V. JEMIMA, " " " "
VI. BENJAMIN,[5] " " " "

RICHARD,[4] son of John,[3] John,[2] James,[1] mar. *Hannah Mariner* (or Masen or Maner) Nov. 7, 1734; she d. Oct. 19, 1771, he having d. Sept. 15, 1771. *They had children:*

I. RICHARD,[5] b. 1735–6.
II. . . . . , b. and d. Jan. 19, 1736–7.
III. ANNE, b. Mch. 18, 1740; d. Sept. 25, 1742.
IV. MARINER, b. June 1, 1743; d. Sept. 3, 1753.
V. ANNE, b. May 21, 1745. (One *Anna Kent* was mar. to Nath'l Austin of Boston or Charlestown May 24, 1759, by Rev. Thos. Prentice.)
VI. STEPHEN, b. Dec. 18, 1747; d. Dec. 24, 1748.
VII. . . . . , b. and d. in 1750.
VIII. HANNAH, b. May 21, 1753.
IX. . . . . , a son, b. Aug. 17, d. Sept. 3, 1756.
X. MARINER,[5] b. Aug. 14, 1757.

JOSEPH,[5] son of Capt. Richard,[4] Col. Richard,[3] mar. 1st, Jane Moody, Aug. 3, 1768; she d. Nov. 1, 1783, after giving him 8 children.

Deacon Joseph Hale was the common ancestor of the Moodys and Joseph Kent. Sam'l Moody d. Apr. 4, 1675. "He was," says Moody Kent, son of Joseph,[5] in his diary, "the common ancestor of my sister *Nancy* and her husband. He left 4 sons, to wit.: William, John, *Samuel*, and . . . . *Samuel* Moody first named was the great-grandfather of Paul Moody the father of Enoch, and *Samuel* Moody secondly named was the grandfather. The same Samuel Moody first named was the great-grandfather of my mother, and his son John was her grandfather. She, therefore, and Paul Moody were second cousins, and Nancy, her daughter and my sister, was the third cousin, by the mother's side, of Enoch Moody, her husband; of this relation I never heard them or any of my relatives speak, and I am doubtful whether any of them ever traced it. It does not appear in Coffin's book, and probably he knew nothing about it. Our relations by the Kents, the Hales, and the Moodys are very numerous. I could even now trace many of them, so far as to get their names, the times of their birth and of their death, but this, if I can go no further, is hardly desirable. If I could also obtain an account of their history and character, their sayings and doings, I would willingly take some pains to pursue the investigation. *Jane Moody* was the daughter of John Moody of Newbury, Mass., and born on what was called the ridge road, one of the old roads from Newburyport to Boston, and not far from the M.H. where, in her day, old Doctor Tucker preached. There were two sons and two daughters who lived to be married; one, *John*, lived on the home place, was married to Miss Little, who lived not far from his place; by her he had children, and died at the age of 48 and was buried at the graveyard back

of Dr. Withington's M.H., and not far from the spot where the Kents were buried. The other son was the Rev. Amos Moody, who was graduated at H.C. in the year 1759, at the age of 20. Studied divinity under the direction of Rev. Dr. John Tucker; was settled in the year 1765 in Pelham, N.H., as the successor of James Hobbs, then recently deceased, soon afterwards married with his widow, ten years older than himself; was several years afterwards dismissed from his charge without any imputation on his moral character; continued to live in the same town, and once or more represented it in the General Court, till the year 1819, when he died at the age of 80, and not far from the same time his wife died at the age of 90. They had no children. He lived a quiet, unambitious life, and left a small property. *Sarah*, one of the two daughters, was married at the age probably of more than 20 and less than 30 to a Mr. Strang of Connecticut, and they were settled in Coventry in that State. I wrote to my friends, Sol. Paine and wife of Canterbury, Conn., and they promised to make enquiry, if opportunity offered, but I have received no information from them on the subject. The other daughter was *Jane*, my mother, born 1742; was married to my father in 1768, bore him 8 children, and died 1st Nov., 1783, in the 42d year of her age. She was buried near Dr. Withington's M.H., and a slate is erected at her grave with this inscription: 'In memory of Jane Kent, wife of Mr. Joseph Kent, who died Nov. 1st, 1783, in the 42d year of her age.' When my mother died I was only 4½ years old. I have only one distinct recollection of her, when she was laying in the coffin in the front of the old house where she had lived, and the people were assembled in the room to attend the funeral ceremonies. Some one took hold of my arms and lifted me up, so that I looked on the face of my mother. My father spoke to me of her sometimes, and in a manner which convinced me of his great respect of her abilities and his strong attachment to her person. My brother *Paul*, in answer to my enquiries, related to me something of her sayings and doings. Lucy Hiddens or Mrs. Deacon Silas Pearson, after she had become very old, told me she nursed my mother when she was confined at the birth of her eldest children; and she told me as many things respecting my venerated parent as a person of 96 years old could be expected to remember."

JOSEPH and JANE MOODY KENT had children:

I. JOSEPH,[6] b. June 22, 1769. His bro. Moody wrote of him as follows:

"In his early days he attended the town schools, and worked on the farm. He became desirous to go to sea, and my father becoming part owner of a fishing schooner, my brother went in her several voyages to the Grand Bank fishery. Afterwards he went in a merchant vessel to the West Indies one voyage, from which he returned home in safety, and still attached to the course of life he had chosen. On his return from his second voyage he was seized with a violent fever which carried him off in a few days, on *the 11th of Sept., 1791*, at the age of 22 years. I have 5 letters written by him to his parents, in terms of affection, and giving a brief account of his health, the good terms on which he lived with his associates, and his prospects. I have also a pine box which he made when he was on a fishing voyage and gave me. At the time of his death he was said to be engaged to be married to Miss Joanna Little, who was afterwards married to Mr. Little of Newbury, her native town."

II. DANIEL, b. . . . , 1770; d. Oct. 13, 1783, aged 12, eighteen days before the death of his mother.

III. PAUL,[6] b. Dec. 6, 1772.

IV. AMOS,[6] b. Oct. 16, 1774.

V. NANCY, b. Jan. 21, 1777, in the homestead on Kent Island, where her brothers were born.

She attended the little school-house across the meadow. In her youth she had a violent fever, Dr. Swett attending her. She mar., in 1799, Enoch, bro. of Samuel and Nathan Moody before mentioned, and they soon moved to Hallowell, Me., where she d. Aug. 14, 1812-13, and there lies buried; also her sister-in-law, Mrs. Sam'l Moody. She had 5 chil.: **1.** *Daniel*, d. aged 4; buried Byfield. **2.** *Sarah*, d. aged 7; buried Hallowell. **3.** *Enoch*, d. aged 17, of fits. **4.** *Mary Jane*, b. 1801; living 1856; unmarried. **5.** *Samuel*, b. 1810; mar. Martha, only dau. of Dr. Dean Robinson, of Newbury.

VI. MOODY,[6] b. Apl. 22, 1779.

VII. PHILIP, b. 1781.

"At the death of his mother," writes his bro. Moody, "he was sent to a Mrs. Poor to be nursed and cared for in his infancy. At a suitable age he was taken home and sent to the town school across the meadow, and also to Mr. Nath'l Moody's school in the Morse house near the Littles in Newbury. When he reached a suitable age he was placed in the store of Farris & Stocker, a respectable mercantile house in Newburyport, as a clerk or an apprentice. In this station he so conducted himself as to acquire the confidence and esteem of those respectable merchants, and among his associates he maintained the reputation of an intelligent and amiable young man. At the age of about 26 he was sent to the West Indies as supercargo; was seized with the yellow fever in the port to which he was sent, and in a few days died."

VIII. DANIEL, b. 1783; d. young. Of him his bro. Moody writes as follows:

"At the death of his mother was placed with his brother Philip at Mrs. Poor's to be nursed. With his brother Philip and me he attended school at the Morse house; and in Dec., 1790, he, with his brother Philip and me, attended school at Oldtown lower green. To get to and from school we were obliged to cross the mill river on the ice, which, when the tide was down, lay in cakes on the bank, with large chasms or openings between them. On the 15th of Dec., 1790, I, with my two brothers, Philip and Daniel, were on our way to school, and were crossing the river. Directly opposite to the place where we were the ice was thrown into such position that it was difficult there to pass. We walked down the river till we found a better place to get off, and I ascended the bank, and supposed they were following me. On looking back I saw them both in the water struggling to keep up. I impulsively rushed down the bank and to the water (it was what is called a breathing hole, where the current was so strong as to prevent the water from freezing), took hold of Philip's hand as he held it out of the water, and pulled him out on the ice. By this time

poor Daniel was under the ice and drowned. We all of us wore mill caps. Philip had lost his in the water, and was entirely wet, and the weather was very cold. I placed my cap on his head and hurried him as fast as possible to the house, about half a mile distant My father and one or more of my brothers with an axe immediately went to the spot. They reported on their return that the mere weight of the axe broke the ice where I stood to pull out my brother Philip, and that the escape of us two was almost miraculous. The next spring the body was found and buried in the burying-ground near Mr. Withington's M.H., where so many of the Kents lay buried, as before mentioned."

JOSEPH KENT mar. 2d, Oct. 2, 1785, *Jane*, the widow of Capt. Wm. *Willcomb*. By Joseph Kent she had 3 children. Moody Kent writes in 1856 of Jane, his stepmother, as follows:

"*Jane Dole* was the maiden name of my father's second wife. She was born in Newbury, Oldtown, about half a mile from Oldtown bridge, on a spot which has been pointed out to me. Her father was a blacksmith, and she had one sister and two brothers; possibly she may have had other brothers and sisters of whom I never heard. She was born, I think, in 1748; while young she was married to . . . Moody, and lived with him in Independence street, Newburyport. He was a man of feeble health, and in the course of two or three years after they were married he died childless. They never had children or a child. In no long time the widow married with Capt. William Willcomb, a ship-master, engaged in the West India trade; with him she lived two or three years. He was lost at sea, I think in the year 1781, his wife having borne him no children. I have seen several letters written by Capt. Willcomb to his wife. The letters express no fondness, and yet they cannot be called cold, or wanting in such expressions of attachment as might be expected from him to his wife, with whom he lived on good terms. In 1785, if I mistake not the year, my father was married to the widow. She was then 37 years old; having been twice married, but having had no children by either of her husbands. I was once told by my brother *Paul* that my father was acquainted with her before her marriage with Mr. Moody, but whether the acquaintance was in any degree intimate I never knew. My father once told me that my mother, on her death bed, advised him to marry again, but to marry a woman who had no children. Immediately after the marriage my father moved his wife home to the Island, where they lived till 1799, when they removed to Newburyport, and took a house in State street, nearly opposite that of Mr. Brown, — the Dalton house, — and there continued till her death, in the year 1801, with a consumption. She had been afflicted some time, say two or three years, with this disease. She died at the age, I think, of 53."

"At the age of about 30, and for several years, my father was engaged in a lawsuit with his *twin brother Stephen* in respect to Kent Island. Stephen commenced an action and endeavored to prove himself the older of the two, but failed in the attempt, and the island remained as it had been before in the joint occupation and ownership of the two brothers. Out of this suit there grew an alienation which always continued. The brothers were never reconciled. Perhaps it is not quite proper to say the alienation grew wholly out of this lawsuit. The brothers were different in their tastes and their views of life, their habits of thinking, and also in the character and dispositions of their wives. Notwithstanding the expense of this lawsuit, and other considerable expenses, my father by

skilful management of his farm gained from year to year and made a respectable estate. He engaged also in Grand Bank fishing to some advantage, and sent adventures to sea and made something in that way, and he loaned money at interest with judgment and skill, and purchased State securities and possibly made something in that way. By both his wives he had 11 children, to all of whom he afforded means of education better than was common at that time, and two of whom were graduated at H.C. in the years 1795 and 1801, wholly educated at the expense of their father. On the 19th day of July in the year 1802, in his 62nd year, he died and was buried in the graveyard near Dr. Withington's M.H., where the bodies of several of his relatives rest awaiting the resurrection."

JOSEPH[5] and JANE DOLE KENT had children:

IX. JANE, b. June 22, 1786. Moody Kent writes:

"Her early days were spent on the Island, with such advantages of education as her older brothers and sister had enjoyed. She was, I suppose, thirteen years old when she removed with her parents to Newburyport. At the death of her father she was probably about 16 years old. My brother Amos or Paul was appointed her guardian and she resided in his family, with the exception of perhaps about a year that she resided with her sister, Mrs. Moody, in Hallowell, Me. In the year 1810 — I put down dates from memory — she married with *Roswell Stevens, Esq.*, May, 1810, who had then been in the practice of the law about three years, in Pembroke, N.H. In the year 1811 she bore her husband a daughter, — her only child, Sarah, — now the wife of James Wilson, Esq., of Pembroke, by whom she had 2 chil.: 1. *Moody Kent* of Concord or Pembroke; 2. *Jane*, mar. . . . Millar. In the year *1813*, in the month of *January*, at the age of 26, *she died* of a consumption. Some letters written by her are still extant, and her relatives and acquaintances now living cherish her memory."

X. SARAH, b. Sept. 18, 1787. Moody writes of her:

"At 14 years old, at the decease of her father, her brother Paul or Amos was appointed her guardian. She lived a part of the time at Chester, with her brother Amos, and some part of the time at Hallowell, with her sister Nancy. *Feb'y 22, 1808*, she being then a little more than *20 years old*, and having finished a visit at Amherst, among her acquaintances and friends, was on her return to Chester with her brother Amos, his wife, and two of his children in a double sleigh. When they reached Thornton's Ferry, the safe place of passing had been rendered obscure by a fall of snow the night previous. My brother drove on the river, and on ice thin and weak. It broke, let in the horses and the sleigh, and those in it were overturned into the river. Mrs. Kent and the two children were rescued, but poor Sarah was *drowned*. She was amiable and pleasant, and much beloved by her relatives and acquaintances, and her decease, of course, much deplored."

XI. JOSEPH, b. Feb., 1791. Of him Moody Kent writes:

"Being only 11 years old at the decease of his father, a guardian was to be appointed, and his brother Amos was appointed to that office. During the minority of the ward he passed his time for the most part with his guardian at Chester, and nearly all the remainder with his uncle *Paul* at Newburyport. When young he *married* with *Miss Little*, the daughter of *Amos Little* of New-

bury, and purchased himself, from the property left him by his father, a house and about a dozen acres of land near Oldtown lower upper green, and opposite the dwelling house of the late Rev. Dr. John Tucker, still standing. In *February, 1821, he died*, at the age of about 30, of a consumption. His wife bore him three children: *two daughters* and a *son Paul*, b. 1817, never married. The elder daughter, *Jane*, b. 1815, mar. Mr. Poor and died childless. The younger daughter, *Sarah*, b. 1819, was never married, and died of a consumption. The son learned the trade of a blacksmith and set up his business, or was about setting up his business, near his mother, when he died of bronchitis, if I was rightly informed, unmarried. The widow is still living (1856), never having been again married. So that of my brother *Joseph* there is no posterity living; and of his mother, my father's second wife, there are only three descendants, to wit: *Sarah Jane Wilson*, the wife of James Wilson, Esq., before mentioned, and their two children: *Moody Kent Wilson* and *Jane Wilson*, both unmarried."

STEPHEN,[5] son of Capt. Richard,[4] Col. Richard.[3] His nephew Moody writes of him as follows:

"*Stephen Kent* was born 20th May, 1741, N.S., and had the common advantages of school education. When he was 19 years old his father died, leaving him and his twin brother Joseph in possession of Kent's Island, which, by the terms of the entail, belonged to the elder of the two. As it could not be ascertained which of the two was the older it seemed to them and their friends just that they should enjoy the property in common. When *Stephen* was 21 years old, and possibly less, he was married to *Mary Gerrish*, a daughter of Col. Gerrish, a man of some note in Newbury, living some three or four miles from the Island. In the course of a few years Stephen, by the advice of his father-in-law, commenced an action against his twin brother for the recovery of the Island. To succeed in this action he must have proved that he was the older of the two. He failed to do so, and the Island was held in common by the two brothers as it had been before, but the intercourse between the two brothers was in consequence of the action entirely broken off. *Stephen Kent* cultivated his part of the Island with no great skill and industry, and when his sons were old enough he left the care and the work chiefly to them. Neither the father nor the sons made many improvements, nor sought to increase their crops by a departure from the common course of husbandry. The father delighted in the work of the mechanic, and for one who was untaught, he made punts, floats, wherrys, wheels, carts, piggins, &c., which answered the purpose of such things exceeding well. In the course of the war time, he commanded for a short time a company of men stationed on Plum Island. In no part of his life was he ambitious to acquire wealth or public distinction, yet he took an interest in politics, read much in the newspapers, and expressed his opinions on the great questions of the day. He was a temperate man. Nearly all his time he spent in his house and shop. In the government of his family he was somewhat absolute, but not, I think, tyrannical Doubtless he was a passionate and quick-tempered man, but I do not believe he was a malicious or revengeful man. On all subjects his information was limited, and of course he had strong prejudices, yet he was not wanting in readiness of perception, memory, and natural sagacity. After he became an old man, and was confined to his house, I made it a point when at the Island

to call upon him, and he always seemed to take my calls in good part. In the year *1827*, at the age of *86*, he died, having been in his last years well cared for by his only daughter. He left to his children, as heirs at law, his half of the Island, and I think a small farm in Daytown.

Stephen Kent's wife, *Mary Kent*, a daughter of Col. *Gerrish*, as before mentioned, was born, I think, in 1737, and she was three or four years older than her husband. She had a brother, Col. Jacob Gerrish, a schoolmaster, who was never married, and another brother Stephen, who was married and had a family of his own, and a sister who was married and lived in West Newbury. These brothers and this sister she seldom, if ever, saw in her latter days. She may have had other brothers and sisters; I know not. This old lady, *Mrs. Stephen Kent*, lived till the year 1817, when she died at the age of 80, leaving no enemy behind her. *Stephen Kent* and wife had *eight children*, *two* of whom, I think *both girls*, *died* in infancy, or early childhood, and the other six — five sons and a daughter — lived to a considerable age and were married. I was well acquainted with each of the six when they were young, and I knew something of them in their latter days."

In the "Lexington Alarms" of the Revolution *Stephen Kent* appears with rank of *2d Lieut.* on Lexington Alarm Roll of Capt. John Moody's Co., Col. . . . Regt., which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775, from . . . to . . . Length of service 6 days.

The above may have been Stephen[5] of Newburyport, but certain it is that Capt. Stephen Kent who appears in the following two records is he:

Seacoast Defence Muster Rolls.

STEPHEN KENT appears with rank of *Captain* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Stephen Kent's Co., Col. . . . Regt. Time of enlistment July 11, 1775. Time of discharge Nov. 1, 1775. Time of service 4 months 1 day. Stationed at Newbury. Page 136 same as the above, except for 1 month 11 days' service from Nov. 1 to Dec. 9, 1775.

Stephen Kent appears among A List of Men's Names in Capt. Stephen Kent's Co., signed to an order for wages due Nov. 1, 1775, raised for the defence of Sea Coast in Essex Co. Dated Gloucester, Dec. 10, 1775. Rank, captain. Autograph signature.

The following may or may not be Stephen:[5]

Stephen Kent appears in A List of men enlisted into Continental Army from the County of Essex. He belonged to Newburyport, and enlisted for Newburyport.

Stephen Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Daniel Wheelwright's Co., Col. Ebenezer Francis' Regt. Time of enlistment April 2, 1777. Time of . . . April 26, 1777. Reported time of marching, *not* time of discharge.

Stephen Kent appears in A Return of Men enlisted into the Continental Army from Essex Co. of 2d Regt., dated Essex, Feb. 16, 1778. He belonged to Newburyport, enlisted for Newburyport for term of 3 years. Joined Wheelwright's Co., Col. Ebenezer Francis' Regt.

Stephen Kent appears with rank of *Drummer* on Continental Army Pay Accounts of Capt. Donnell's Co., Col. Crane's Regt., for service from Jan. 23, 1780, to Dec. 31, 1780. Residence "not given."

Stephen Kent appears with rank of *Drummer* on Muster Roll of Capt. Nathaniel Donnell's Co. of the 3d Artillery, Massachusetts Regt., Col. John Crane, dated West Point, Jan. 9, 1781. Enlisted Jan., 1780, by Capt. Donnell. Term of enlistment "During War." Residence "Newburyport."

Stephen Kent appears in A Return of Men Enlisted into the Continental Army, dated Jan . 1781. Enlisted Jan. . . , 1780, by Capt. Donnell. Served in Capt. Donnell's Co., 3d Artillery Regt. Term of enlistment during war. He belonged to Newburyport. Reported *Drummer*.

CAPT. STEPHEN[5] and MARY GERRISH KENT had children:

I. RICHARD,[6] b. 1762.
II. JOHN,[6] b. 1764.
III. MOSES,[6] b. 1768.
IV. STEPHEN,[6] b. 1771.
V. JACOB,[6] b. 1776.
VI. BETTY, b. 1777:
mar. when 50, and soon after the death of her father, in 1827, her cousin Joseph Gerrish, and as his widow d. at the age of 67.

Capt. Stephen[5] d. in the summer of 1827, aged 86. The following *Stephen* I have been unable to locate. He probably is of this family and moved to Sanford prior to the Revolution.

Stephen Kent, in the Revolutionary Records, appears in a List of Men enlisted into Continental Army from the *County of York*. He belonged to *Sanford*, and enlisted for Sanford.

Stephen Kent appears with grade of *Fifer* on A Muster Return of Capt. Dan'l Wheelwright's Co., Col. Benjamin Tupper's Regt., dated Jan. 25, 1778. He belonged to *Sanford*, enlisted for *Sanford*, mustered by Col. Varrick.

Stephen Kent appears in a List of Men mustered in *York County* to serve in Capt. Daniel Wheelwright's Co., Col. Ebenezer Francis' Regt., by a return made by Nath'l Wells, Muster Master, April 17, 1777. *Residence Sanford*. Term of enlistment 3 years, or during war.

Stephen Kent appears with grade of *Private* on A Depreciation Roll of Col. Michael Jackson's Regt., to make good the depreciation of wages for the first three years' service in the Continental Army, from 1777 to 1780.

Stephen Kent appears in a Statement of Continental Balances with rank of . . . in Col. Tupper's Regt. Time engaged for "during war." Certified July 5, 1780.

Stephen Kent appears with rank of *Fifer* on Continental Army Pay Accounts of Capt. Francis' Co., Col. Tupper's Regt., for service from May 2, 1777, to Dec. 31, 1779. *Residence Sanford*.

Stephen Kent appears with rank of *Fifer* on Continental Army Pay Accounts for 1780, of Capt. Francis' Co., Col. Tupper's Regt., "no date given." *Residence Sanford*.

MOSES,[5] son of Capt. Richard,[4] Col. Richard,[3] served in the Revolution as recorded below. He mar. *Judith* (Greenleaf?) and d. Feby. 26, 1786, aged 34. She d. 1817, aged 67. *They had one child:*

I. MOSES,[6] b. March 30, 1773.

Moses Kent appears among A List of *Officers* in Col. Little's Regt., commissioned June 27, 1775. Rank, Lieut. in Capt. Ezra Lunt's Co., Essex Co. Regt.

Moses Kent appears with rank of *2nd Lieut.* on Muster Roll of Capt. Timothy Barnard's Co., Col. Moses Little's Regt., dated Aug. 1. 1775. Time of enlistment May 2. 1775. Time of service 13 weeks. He *belonged* to *Newburyport*.

Moses Kent appears with grade of *1st Lieut.* on A Return of Capt. Gideon Parker's Co., Col. Moses Little's Regt., in service from Jan. 1, 1776.

JOHN,[5] son of John,[4] I have not been able to locate unless he is:

John Kent who in the Revolutionary records appears in A List of Men enlisted into the Continental Army from the County of Essex. He belonged to *Newcastle*, and enlisted for *Salisbury*.

John Kent appears with grade of *Private* on A Muster Return of Capt. Israel Davis' Co., Col. Edw. Wigglesworth's Regt., dated Cambridge. He belonged to *Newcastle*, enlisted for Newcastle. Mustered by Col. Sewall.

John Kent appears in A Return of Men enlisted into the Continental Army from Capt. Robert Hodge's Co. of 3d Lincoln Co. Regt., dated 1777. He belonged to *Newcastle*, and enlisted for Newcastle. Term of enlistment 3 years. Joined Capt. Israel Davis' Co., Col. Wigglesworth's Regt.

John Kent appears with grade of *Private* on A Return of Capt. (late) Israel Davis' Co., Col. Wigglesworth's Regt., in service Sept. 15, 1777. *Reported deceased.*

BENJAMIN,[5] son of John,[4] I have not been able to locate, or the following Benjamins:

From Muster Roll of Company under command of Capt. Wm. Groves: Boston, Apl. 25, 1757, *Benjn. Kent* entered service *May 12, 1756.* Served until June 8, 1756. Time of service 4 weeks. Wages £1-6-8.

LINCOLN COUNTY PROBATE RECORDS.

Benj. Kent was one of three witnesses to the will of John North of St. Georges in the County of York and Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England. Probated 6 July, *1763.*

DANVERS TAX LIST, 1775. *14. Kent, Benjamin*, Hutchinson's house, Felton's land.

Benjamin Kent in the Revolutionary Records appears with rank of *Private* on *Lexington Alarm* Roll of Capt. Jeremiah Page's Co., Col. . . . Regt. which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775, from *Danvers*. He belonged to *Danvers*. Length of service 2 days; marched 40 miles.

Benjamin Kent appears with rank of *Sergeant* on Pay Roll of Capt. Nathaniel Jarvis' Co., Col. Henry Jackson's Regt., dated "At Camp." Providence, Sept. 9, 1778, for service from May 31, 1778, to June 30, 1778. Time of service 1 month.

Benjamin Kent appears with rank of *Sergeant* on Pay Roll of Capt. Nathaniel Jarves' Co., Col. H. Jackson's Regt., dated at camp, Providence, Sept. 9, 1778, for service from June 30, 1778, to Sept. 1, 1778. Time of service 2 months.

Benjamin Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Ichabod Pinkham's Co., Col. . . . Regt. Time of enlistment March 24, 1780. Time of discharge April 24, 1780. Time of service 1 mo. Service at *Boothbay*, paid by resolve of Oct. 2, 1781.

Benjamin Kent appears with rank of *Private* on A Warrant to pay officers and men borne on a roll bearing date Nov. 6, 1781, of Capt. Ichabod Pinkham's Co., Col. . . . Regt., service at *Boothbay*, 1780.

FIRST CHURCH OF PITTSFIELD. In 1809 a petition was presented to the General Court, asking that a poll-parish by the name of "Union Parish" be incorporated in the *town of Pittsfield*, an act was passed, and among the names appears *Benjamin Kent.*

DANVERS, ESSEX CO., *Hist. of Baptist Society.* At a meeting early in 1786 Nathaniel Putnam, *Benjamin Kent*, and Samuel Pindar were chosen to provide preaching for that year. *On the 17th and 18th days of September, 1817*, the Salem Baptist Association met with the New Mills people, etc., etc., including *Benjamin Kent.* They met at Mr. Hutchinson's house to perfect arrangements.

Messrs. *Kent*, Porter, and Hutchinson were detailed to see that provision was made for the care of horses; Dea. Porter, Messrs. *Kent* and Hutchinson "to attend in the galleries and place the people at the best advantage to prevent disorder." Rev. Mr. Chaplin, Messrs. *Kent* and Hutchinson were appointed to make a division of the guests among the people, etc.

On the 12th of February, 1819, the act was passed incorporating the First Baptist Society in Danvers. Among the original incorporators appear *Benj. Kent, Benj. Kent, Jr., Jos. Kent, John Kent.*

The first meeting under the new act was held at Schoolhouse No. 2, on Monday, March 29, 1819, at six o'clock P.M., to choose officers and levy a tax for support of the gospel and other expenses for the ensuing year. . . . Thomas Putnam, Moses Black, and *Benjamin Kent* were elected assessors.

In January, 1826, Gideon Foster, *Benjamin Kent*, and *Briggs R. Read* were commissioned to draft a bill and secure its passage by the Legislature authorizing the taxation of pews. Such a bill became a law in the following March. May 1st (1829) John Porter, *Benj. Kent*, and Benj. Porter were chosen to arrange for dedication.

May 25th, Mr. Kent and Daniel Hardy were authorized to sell the pews in the new church at public auction by bidding for choice over and above the appraisal, the appraisal to cover the cost of the house, and they were also directed "to obtain a legal title to the land under a part and adjoining said meeting-house of the family of the late Captain Thomas Putnam, deceased." *Benjamin Kent* was appointed *deacon 1823.*

Committees appointed "to supply preaching": 1810. *Benj. Kent* et al. 1820. *Benj. Kent* et al.

For some months efforts were made to form a union with certain early Unitarians at New Mills. The first standing committee were at once instructed to consider the expediency of hiring the old Baptist meeting-house, which had been removed in 1828. The committee hired the old meeting-house at forty-five dollars a year. . . . The old house was hired again, but the contract was made not without bitterness. Major Black and John Page now owned eleven-sixteenths of the building and were willing enough to let their part at forty-five dollars, but *Deacons Kent* and Hardy of the Baptist Church, owners of the other five-sixteenths, charged one hundred dollars for their share.

Educational. Among names of *North Danvers* young men and women who were at Pembroke Academy about 1840 appears *Sarah A. Kent.*

Among the "first families" of *New Mills* there were . . . *Deacon Benjamin Kent*, shipbuilder.

1814. The muster roll of the New Mills minute-men: *Benjamin Kent*, Private.

Before the war (1812). Pindar, *Kent*, and Fowler were parties to a contract to build a *three hundred and fifty ton ship* for a London house. Capt. John Lee was sent from England to superintend her building. Impending hostilities prevented the owners from rigging and fitting her, and as long as she remained on the stocks the builders could not, according to contract, demand their pay. Capt. Lee refused to allow her to be launched, but all the carpenters mustered one night and slid her into the water. The builders might better have thrown up the bargain and make the most of the ship, but they choose to bring a fruitless suit against the American agent of the Englishmen, and in the meantime the good ship, utterly uncared for, floating with the tides, rotted in the river.

Calvin Putnam established the present extensive lumber business on the *site of Deacon Kent's ship-yard* about thirty-five years ago (1888).

Fire Department, 1826. The men who ran with the machine this year at New Mills: *Benjamin Kent, Jr., John Kent.*

RICHARD,[5] son of Richard,[4] John,[3] mar. Hannah . . . , who d. Dec. 13, 1805, aged 74. One Mr. Kent moved from "New-

buryport to Londondary" Jan. 4, 1798, and had a child b. Jany. 23, and bapt. Oct. 30, 1798: *George Washington Kent.* On Feb. 15, 1801, *Abner Kimble Kent* was b. in Londonderry at 7 P.M., and on July 5, 1804, *James M. Kent* was born. *Wm. Kent* d. in Londonderry Apl. 16, 1826, aged 8 yrs. 9 mos. The following records from the State archives probably in the main relate to Richard,[5] as above, though some can be located elsewhere by a student of this family genealogy:

MILITARY RECORDS OF MASS. from Muster Roll of Company under the command of Capt. John Kinsbury. Boston, Feby. 17, 1756, *Daniel Kent*, Private, entered service Sept. 12, 1755, served until Dec. 17, 1755. Time of service 13 weeks 6 days. Wages £1.12.4½.

Fort Wm. Henry August 9th 1756.

LIST OF LIEUT. COL. KINGSBURY'S COMPANY in Colo. Bagley's Regmt.

Daniel Kent. Soldier. Age 22. *Born at Newbury.* last Residence *Newbury. Shipwright.* Volunteer from Newbury from Colo — Kingsbury Company, in Colo Greenleaf Regmt.

Richard Kent. Soldier. *age 20.* Born at Newbury last Residence Newbury shipwright. *Volunteer from Newbury* from Colo Kingsbury's Company in Col Greenleafs Regmt

A MUSTER ROLL OF THE CARPENTERS in His Majesty's service, under the command of Gideon Woodwell, overseer:

Richard Kent, 92 days work,	@ 2/	£9.4.0
Daniel Kent, 71 " "	@ 2/	7.2.0

COMPANY UNDER THE COMMAND of John Kingsbury, Lt. Col. and Capt., mustered at Fort William Henry, Oct. 12, 1756: *Daniel Kent*, Private. *Richard Kent*, Private.

LIST OF THE FIFTH COMPANY of Militia in the town of *Newbury*, under the command of Capt. Richard Greenleaf: 1757 Private *Clement Kent Daniel Kent Joshua Kent Richard Kent Richard Kent Jr.* No. 424. The Alarm List. *John Kent.*

To His Honr SPENCER PHIPPS Esqr *Lieut Govr &c in, on & over His Majestys Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England The Honbl. Council and House of Representatives for said Province in General Court Assembled.* Humbly Sheweth, *Richard Kent of Newbury* — That your Petitrs Son *Richard Kent* was one of the *Carpenters* in the Servise of the Province at *Lake George* the Summer past — That he was of Capt Woodwells Compa. in Colo. Bagley's Regiment and was *badly wounded* by an ax. while in the Servise and with great Difficulty got to my House both Sick & Lame where he lay Confined for five Weeks under the care of Doctr. Sprague and is now but just able to do any Buisness. And as your Petitioner has been at the Cost of Nursing & all other Charges which he thinks to be reasonably worth Twelve shillings ℔ week for the said five weeks, besides the young mans loss of Time Therefore Prays He may have such Allowance made as has such cases been usual or as in Your Wisdom Yous shall See meet And your Petitr. as in Duty bound Shall ever pray &c.

Newbury Janry. 29th 1757 *Richard Kent*

ESSEX SS NEWBURY JULY 20 1757 Messrs. William Samson and Samuel Creesey both of Newbury aforesaid carpenters personally appeared and made Oath that they ware in The Service of this province at *Lake George* and in the the same Company at the same time & under the Same officers with *Richard Kent* Carpintr Expressed in the above petition and that the said Richard Kent was wounded and came to his Fathers House Sick and Lame as set forth in the above Petition. Before me Nathan Hale Jus Pacs. The Committee Report £1.0.0 Samuel Livermore for order Payable to Collo Gerrish

HODGKINS LETTERS

In camp on Long Island June ye 10. 1776. I have nothing to Send you but love, I hope I shall have some money soon, Capt Wade is well. This letter comes by Colol Little's Brother, who came here, he and *Capt Kent of Newbury* to see their frinds: and if there Should be any Gentlemen in Ipswich that should come this way I should be very glad to have you send me a Pair of shirts, But I would not have you be uneasy about it, for when I can't do no longer I can by some hear, though Linnen is Extream Dear.

Richard Kent appears among a List of Deserters from Capt. Lyman's Co., Col. Elisha Porter's Regt., dated July 22, 1776. Age 24 years; stature 5 ft. 7 in.; complexion light; *place of residence Northampton.* Date of desertion June 14, 1776.

Richard Kent appears with rank of *Seaman* upon A List of Prisoners who were returned by exchange to Newport, R.I., Feby. 11, 1777. *Residence Cape Cod.*

Richard Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Caleb Kimball's Co., Col. Jacob Gerrish's Regt. Time of enlistment Feb. 3, 1778. Time of discharge April 3, 1778. Time of service 2 months 2 days. Regt. of guards stationed at *Winter Hill.*

Richard Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster Roll of Capt. Samuel Huse's Co. of the Guard Regt., Col. Jacob Gerrish. Dated Winter Hill, May 11, 1778. Enlisted April 3 (year not given). Reported on command.

Richard Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Huse's Co., Col. Jacob Gerrish's Regt. Time of enlistment April 3, 1778. Time of discharge July 4, 1778. Time of service 3 months 2 days.

Richard Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Benjamin Godfrey's Co., Col. Zenath Winslow's Regt. Time of service 5 days. "Dates not given." Service in Sept., 1778.

RICHARD[5] and HANNAH KENT had among other children:

I. DANIEL,[6] b. 1764.

MARINER,[5] son of Richard,[4] John,[3] John,[2] mar. *Sally Gage* of Bradford, Mass., b. Feb. 2, 1761. He moved to Derry from Newburyport about 1803. Geo. W. Kent of Gridley, Ill., writes:

"There is a tradition in our family that the English branch of this family was founded by one of three brothers who came from Normandy with William I. and settled in Kent Co., and took to themselves the name of the county, and each built a castle there, where are now the ruins of two castles, and one that is occupied which is said to have been theirs."

MARINER[5] and SALLY GAGE KENT had six sons and one daughter. Among the children were:

I. MOSES,[6] b. Sept. 1, 1793, at Newburyport.

II. JAMES MARANER,[6] b. July 5, 1804, at Derry.

PAUL,[6] son of Joseph,[5] Capt. Richard,[4] writes his brother Moody:

"Went to Newburyport to learn a trade, I think that of a blockmaker, but after a short time deserted and returned home; he made up his mind to go to sea and engaged to go on a certain vessel, but for some cause became

discontented, left her, and engaged to go in another vessel, again became discontented and returned home. In no long time he determined to get a college education and went to Dummer Academy to fit himself to enter, and he continued about 9 months and abandoned that plan. Afterwards, in the year 1799, when he was 27 years old, he *married* with *Alice Thurlow* of *Newbury*, a distant relation of his, and then about 20 years old, and resumed his farming business. Not being quite contented with his farming business he engaged in trade in Newburyport and continued in that business about 2 years in partnership with Silas Moody. They were not successful, and my brother returned again to the island, engaged again in farming, and followed that business till the time of his *death* in *March, 1851*, when he was *78 years* and about *3 months* old. My brother's wife died March 20th, 1835, at the age of 57, and about one month before the death of her daughter *Alice*. Upon the death of his wife Paul is said to have been afflicted with 'the complaint common to the family, hypochondria.'"

PAUL and ALICE THURLOW KENT had 4 children:

I. ALICE, b. 1801; d. 1835, unmarried.

II. SARAH JANE, b. 1809; d. 1842.

In 1835, Moody writes at Pembroke, N.H., that his niece Sarah arr. by the stage, that her father is living with "Joseph Gerrish and Betsy."

III. NANCY MOODY, b. 1814; unmarried 1856. In Oct., 1835, with her sister S. J., visiting their uncle Moody at Pembroke.

IV. LOUISA, b. 1820; mar. Edward M. Burleigh in 1850, and had two children.

AMOS,[6] son of Joseph,[5] Capt. Richard,[4] mar. Nov. 27, 1799, *Abigail*, dau. of Joshua *Atherton* of Amherst, N.H., where she was b. Oct. 22, 1775, and d. at Boston, Feb. 9, 1860. He d. at Chester, N.H., June 18, 1824; of him his bro. Moody writes:

"My brother Amos was fitted for college partly under the instruction of Benj. Rolf of Rolfe's lane in Newbury, partly at *Dummer Academy*, under the instruction of the celebrated Samuel Moody, and partly under the guidance of the Rev. Isaac Smith. He entered Harvard College in 1791, and was *graduated* in *1795*; then read law three years in the office of William Gordon, Att'y General of N.H., at Amherst; was *admitted to the bar in 1798*; settled in Chester, N.H., and there continued in the practice of his profession until his death in 1824."

In Chase's History of Chester, N.H., I find the following items of interest:

On Monday the tenth day of February, Anno Domini 1800, a number of the inhabitants of the town of Chester, met at the lower meeting-house in said town, to determine on some suitable mode of *paying respect to the memory of Gen. George Washington*. After choosing Joseph Blanchard, Esq., moderator of the meeting, and *Amos Kent, Esq.*, clerk, the following resolves were unanimously passed. . . . *Amos Kent, Esq.*, was appointed as one of a committee to carry the resolves into effect, and to make such other arrangements as they shall think suitable on the occasion.

At the annual meeting *Amos Kent* was appointed on a committee to make report on the expediency of the revision of the Constitution.

1808. At a town meeting held Sept. 26 *Amos Kent* was appointed one of a committee to consider the propriety of preparing a respectful *petition* to the *President of the United States*, praying *him to suspend the operation of the laws laying an embargo on the ships and vessels of the United States* so far as relates to *Spain* and *Portugal* and their respective colonies.

1818. In the Presbyterian tax and account book is a copy of a communication addressed to the wardens, stating that for a number of years they had been members of the parish, but that the causes that induced them to join no longer continued, and asked not to be considered members. Dated March 4, 1818. Among the signers: *Amos Kent*.

On a petition dated Chester, June 9th, 1802, praying that they (your petitioners), with such others as may hereafter become proprietors with them, be a body politic and corporate for the purpose of making a turnpike road from Concord Bridge to Chester east meeting-house: *Amos Kent* et al.

June 19, 1804. *Amos Kent* and others were incorporated into Chester Turnpike Corporation. The stock was divided into three hundred shares, of which ten were taken by *Amos Kent*. The shares were assessed ninety dollars each.

Anti-Slavery Movement, 1835. Mr. Thompson went to Concord and took lodgings with *George Kent*, and was there mobbed.

Military History. In a list of recruits furnished by Candia as found in various muster rolls: 1778, *John Kent*, *John Kent*, and in 1779 *John Kent*.

A roll of men sent into the army from Chester during the Rebellion: Eighth Regt., three years. *Charles H. Kent*. Mus. Dec., 1861. Transferred to V.R. Corps May, 1864.

Date of some of the houses in Chester: *1799*. *Amos Kent* built where Mrs. Aiken lately lived.

Town officers: Town Clerk, 1855 to 1859. *Lucien Kent*. Selectmen, 1843, '45, '46. *James M. Kent*. 1854, '55, '59, '63, '64. *James M. Kent*. 1865, '66. *Lucien Kent*.

Amos[6] and Abigail Atherton Kent had children, b. at Chester, N.H.:

I. Charles, b. Jan. 1, 1801, went to South America and has not been heard of since.

II. Abby A., b. Aug. 27, 1802;
mar. Robt. Means, Jr., of Lowell, Oct. 28, 1834; d. Aug. 3–4, 1857, at Amherst; no issue.
Moody Kent writes of taking his niece to see the Shakers in his chaise at Concord June 29, 1834. He says that he found her intelligent, that soon after he received a letter from her announcing her engagement to a Mr. Means, a widower without chil.; with a good estate and large salary.

III. Mary Mason, b. Feb. 25, 1804; d. at Boston.
She mar. James McGregor of Boston and had five chil.: **1 & 2** d. young. **3.** Fannie, d. abt. 1865. **4.** Mary Mason, mar. Chas. H. Dalton of Boston; no issue. **5.** Leslie, mar. Frank Morrison of Boston and has three chil.: *1. Isabelle. 2. Leslie. 3. James McGregor.*

IV. Philip, b. Aug. 30, 1805; lost or died at sea Sept. 8, 1823.

V. Joshua, b. Mch. 13, 1807; d. Sept. 17, 1808.

VI. Frances, b. Apl. 21, 1809; mar. Thos. M. Smith and d. Feb. 14, 1857.
VII. Amos,[7] b. May 14, 1811.
VIII. George,[7] b. Apl. 12, 1813.
IX. Frederick,[7] b. Nov. 22, 1814.

MOODY,[6] son of Joseph,[5] Capt. Richard,[4] was a man of strong likes and dislikes, methodical, outspoken, and critical. He kept a voluminous diary, writing in full each day about the people he met and what he did. These valuable volumes, which he indexed and had bound, together with his other manuscripts, he left with instructions in his will not to disturb them for twenty years. Through the kindness of Mrs. Chas. Carruth of Cambridge, the proud custodian of them, I have examined and drawn largely from them in preparing this book. He writes of himself as follows:

"I lost my mother when I was four and a half years old, and so lost the benefit in a great measure of her guidance and instruction, which I have no doubt would have been very important and useful to me. My father did for me all a father could do. In my boyhood I attended the town school across the meadow with other boys of my age in the neighborhood. When I was about 16 years old I was sent to *Byfield Academy*, then under the charge of Rev. Isaac Smith, and there fitted for college. I was thought to make respectable progress in my studies, perhaps a little better progress than was made by my associates in that school at that time. I entered Harvard College in *1797* and was *graduated* in the year *1801* with a fair reputation for scholarship, good morals, and good disposition. After a short time I entered the office of the Hon. William Gordon at Amherst, then Atty. Genl. of New Hampshire. While I was a student in his office Mr. Gordon died and I completed my course of study in the office of Charles H. Atherton in the same town. In the year *1804* I was *admitted* to the *bar in Hopkinton*, and in Sept. of that year I commenced the practice of my profession in Deerfield, N.H., and there continued to Sept., 1809, when I removed to Concord, N.H., and there resumed the practice of my profession and continued it till March, 1832, when I gave up practice from 1832 to 1841. I passed my time in travelling, making long stops in several cities, and every year passed several months in Concord and Pembroke attending to my affairs. From 1841 to this time, Oct., 1856, I have passed nearly all the time in Concord and Pembroke attending to my affairs, in reading, writing, and conversation with my friends."

Moody Kent d. Feb. 1, 1866, at Pittsfield, N.H., aged 89 years, leaving a large fortune. He left a large legacy to the State Industrial School in Hillsborough Co. He never married.

RICHARD,[6] son of Capt. Stephen,[5] Capt. Richard,[4] mar. Miss Kezar, and lived in Daytown and Newbury. He was a genealogist; a man noted for his peaceable offices wherever needed.

He left sons and daughters when he d. in 1839, aged 77. He is buried at Byfield.

Richard Kent in the Revolutionary Records appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Huse's Co., Col. Jacob Gerrish's Regt. Time of enlistment July 30, 1778. Time of discharge Dec. 14, 1778. Time of service 4 months 17 days. Regt. of Guards.

March 25, 1784. Among the bills approved of by the governor appears An Act for Apportioning and establishing the possessions of the heirs at law of *Richard Kent, son of Richard Kent, late of Newbury*, deceased, to a certain Island called Kent's Island in Newbury aforesaid.

June 18, 1812. In the House of Representatives, on the petition of the assessors of the Parish of Byfield, in the County of Essex, praying leave to abate certain ministerial taxes assessed against *Richard Kent* and others, inhabitants of said Parish, as set forth in said petition. Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be granted, subject to the conditions agreed upon and offered them by the said Parish at a legal meeting thereof, held on the 21st day of April, A.D. 1812. In Senate, read and concurred. Approved by the Governor.

JOHN,[6] son of Capt. Stephen,[5] was a man of retiring habits. When young he had a courtship with Lydia Thurlow which was broken off by Sewell Woodman, who was ready to marry her at once. He mar. late in life Miss Northend, and d. in Feb., 1838, leaving no children.

The following John Kent I have been unable to locate; some students claim he belonged to the Charlestown branch of the Dedham family, others that he descended from the Newbury branch:

Lieut. John Kent came to Conn. from Mass. abt. 1727 (supposed from Charlestown?). The first mention made of him in the Middletown records was Mch. 28, 1728, when "John Kent Corker" bought a lot of land of Daniel Starr. He mar. 1st, *Elizabeth*, eldest dau. of Thos. and Margaret *Foster* of Middletown, Jan. 30, 1729. She was b. Jan. 14, 1708, and d. Mch. 25, 1746, aged 38. Mr. Kent mar. 2d. *Hepsibah*, dau. of Abigal and Robert *Hubbard* of Middletown, Aug., 1746. She was b. Jan. 10, 1704, and d. Oct. 21, 1771, aged 68. Lieut. John Kent d. Dec. 8, 1775, in his 70th year. Inventory Dec. 19, 1775: Estate £644. No sons named in the distribution of his estate, only daughters Elizabeth and Agnes Kent heirs, and Anna and Hannah. *Children by 1st marriage:*

I. John Kent, Jr., b. Sept. 18, 1729.

II. Samuel, b. Apr. 10, 1732; d. Nov. 1, 1734.

III. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 10, 1734; mar. John Sumner Mch. 9, 1758, and had 10 children. He was b. June 30, 1735, and d. Feb. 7, 1786, aged 52. She d. Aug. 16, 1825, aged 91 years. **1.** John, b. Oct. 10, 1759. **2.** Elizabeth, b. June 26, 1763. **3.** Lucy, b. Dec. 10, 1764. **4.** Joseph, b. Dec. 14, 1766. **5.** Ruth, b. Feb. 4, 1770. **6.** Ruth E., b. Jan. 12, 1772. **7.** Charles, b. Mch. 13, 1774. **8.** Lucy E., b. Apr. 28, 1776. **9.** William, b. Jan. 23, 1780. **10.** Clarissa, b. Dec. 23, 1781.

IV. Agnes Kent, b. May 30, 1737; mar. Jonathan Johnson of Middletown Dec. 6, 1763, and had six children: **1.** Jonathan, Jr., b. Aug. 29, 1764; d. Sept. 14, 1806. **2.** Agnes, b. Feb. 14, 1767.

3. A dau., b. Sept. 18, 1769; d. soon. **4.** An infant, b. Mch. 6, 1770; d. soon. **5.** An infant, b. Aug. 23, 1773; d. soon. **6.** An infant; d. soon.

V. SAMUEL, b. Sept. 4, 1739; d. Jan. 14, 1740.

VI. ANNA KENT, b. Dec. 5, 1740; mar. James Starr Oct. 20, 1768, and had 4 children. Mr. Starr d. Dec. 30, 1781, aged 40. Mrs. Starr d. Apr. 11, 1789, aged 49. **1.** Anna, b. Nov. 10, 1769. **2.** John Kent, b. Aug. 30, 1772. **3** and **4,** twins: Martha Dandridge, Geo. Washington, b. Jan. 24, 1777. G. W. d. Apr. 26, 1778.

VII. JOSHUA KENT, b. May 4, 1742; d. when young.

VIII. HANNAH KENT, b. Mch. 7, 1746; mar. Elijah Hubbard, Jr., Jan. 5, 1772, and had 3 children: **1.** Elizabeth, b. Feb. 5, 1775; mar. Thomas Mather May 5, 1794. **2.** Elijah, b. Aug. 3, 1777. **3.** Hannah, b. Dec. 7, 1783; mar. John R. Watkinson Jan. 26, 1805.

John Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Silas Fowler's Co., Col. John Mosley's Regt. Time of enlistment Sept. 21, 1777. Time of discharge Sept. 29, 1777. Time of service 14 days. Marched on expedition to Saratoga.

John Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Fowler's Co., Col. Moseley's Regt. Time of enlistment Sept. 29, 1777. Time of discharge Oct. 17, 1777. Time of service 14 days (service between Sept. 29 and Oct. 17, 1777).

JOHN KENT, a native of Suffield, was born Jan. 7, 1772 (his mother's name —— Archer); was married Nov. 20, 1794, to Sarah Steel, daughter of Aaron and Sarah Steel of Longmeadow. He died March 4, 1821. She died Jan. 23, 1858.

Epitaphs in the Old Burying Place Middletown, Ct.

Here lies the Body of *Mrs Elizabeth Kent*, wife of *Ensign John Kent*, who dec^{d}. March ye 25th 1746 — Aged 38 years —

Who while here She's vertuous
In heart and life yet go she must
But rise again up with the Just

The following I have been unable to place:

HENRY AVERY KENT, JR., of Elizabeth, N.J., 1897, b. Aug. 19, 1840, in Boston, who mar. May 8, 1862, Emily Augustus Davis, b. in Boston Feb. 29, 1844, and had children: 1. *Henry Wallace*, b. June 21, 1863; d. Sept. 4, 1864. 2. *Albert Henry*, b. Sept. 17, 1865, Boston; mar. Sept. 23, 1891, Hattie Estelle Bacheller, b. Aug. 23, 1867, Newark, N.J. 3. *Emily Marion*, b. Aug. 2, 1867, at Boston. 4. *Lillie Estelle*, b. June 2, 1871, at Plainfield, N.J. 5. *Willie Herbert*, b. Oct. 15, 1873; d. July 26, 1874. 6. *Harry Warren*, b. April 18, 1878, at Elizabeth, N.J. 7. *Percy Herbert*, b. June 29, 1881, at Elizabeth, N.J.

From *Genealogy of the Ely Family:*

Hannah (daughter of Theodore Ely, the eldest son of Justin) was born 1819; married *Wm. Kent of Brooklyn, N.Y.* Charles Ely, second son of Justin 2d, born 1805; married *Harriet Kent*, and had issue. After the death of Harriet he married Eliza Upham.

Homer, Frederic, and Cotton Ely (sons of Cotton, the son of Nathaniel, 3d) located in Ashleyville, on or near the paternal homestead, *married three sisters, daughters of Lieut. Ruggles Kent*, reared families, and were valued members of society.

From the *Genealogy of the Bliss Family:*

Ashsah, daughter of the *Rev. John, married Ruggles Kent*, who came from Suffield, Ct., and settled in West Springfield. Date not given. *Rev. John, born June 6, 1736.*

Will of John Ashley, dated Dec. 18, 1818, proved September, 1824. *Ruggles Kent* named as one of the Trustees to divide the sum intrusted to them: ⅔ to the education of youth, and ⅓ to be appropriated towards the propagation and diffusion of Christian knowledge.

In notice of death of Hon. Edward Lawrence, who died at Charlestown, Mass., Oct. 17, 1885, *Mrs. John Kent* of Charlestown is mentioned as one of his daughters.

MOSES,[6] son of Capt. Stephen,[5] lived on Kent's Island, and was a singer of some note, having considerable taste for music. He mar. in 1799 *Mercy*, dau. of John *Tappan*, a relation of "Bill Bartlett," the millionaire. Later in life he resided at Oldtown with his bro. John. On the death of his father, in 1827, he purchased a small farm in Windham, Mass., with the proceeds of his estate. Here he d. about 1829, leaving two children:

I. Moses,[7] b. about 1800; mar. his cousin Hannah, dau. of Elizabeth Kent and . . . Sargent of Bradford, and had 2 children.

II. Joseph Gerrish,[7] b. . . . ; never married.

STEPHEN,[6] son of Capt. Stephen,[5] appears to have been a humorous man and an inventor of nicknames appropriate to individuals. Two years of his early life were spent away, but the greater part of his life he spent on Kent Island. Toward the end of his life he became very deaf, and his grandson, William, entertained his callers. He mar. Miss Noyes, his 2d cousin, and grand-daughter of Joshua Noyes, and resided on the Noyes farm, both dying about the same time. He d. Dec., 1852, aged 81. *They had children:*

I. Joshua Noyes,[7] b. about 1809.

II. E. Noyes, b. about 1812; always an invalid, and never married.

The following valuable records relate to the different Stephens of Essex County:

To the Rev Mr John Lowell Pastor of the 3d Church of Christ in Newbury to be Communicated:

Revd. & Beloved. We the Subscribers (having with Drawn from communion with this Church) are Convinc'd that in not laying before you the reasons of our withdrawing at or before we actually did withdraw we have Erred we heartily acknowledge & ask your forgiveness therefor But beloved to our Sorrow the Conduct of our Pastor the Revd. Mr John Lowell, has been such as that we could not (he administring the Seal) Sit down at the Table of the Lord with that Love & unanimity as we think Communion at his table requires. Nor Gain that Soul benefit & Spiritual Edification by the word Preached by him as we by Experience have found Else & has been the reason of our withdrawing from you and we Still are of opinion (seeing as yet no just Occasion to alter) that it would be for the glory of God & our own Spiritual Edification for us to have a dismission from this Church in order to be formed into a Congregationall Church agreeable to the word of God for the fore mentioned Reasons and accordingly we earnestly Desire of you a Peaceable & amicable dismission therefore and if any of us have ever been represented to you as Erronious in Principal to your Dissatisfaction we think we can heartily & unreservedly Subscribe to & concur with that well known Divinity among you Commonly called the Assembly's Catechism and so Revd & beloved wishing that grace Mercy & peace from God the Father may be Multiplied to you & earnestly desiring your prayers for us. We remain your aggrieved Bretheran in the Kingdom & patience of our redeemer Subscribers to the fore mentioned Particulars Viz^t *Stephen Kent* & 31 others

The above is not dated. Mr. Lowell's reply to it is dated Nov. 4, 1743.

Return of men enlisted or impressed for his Majesty's Service. Province of Massachusetts Bay in the regiment whereof Daniel Appleton is Colo to be put under the Command of Jeffry Amherst Esq General & Commander in Chief of His Majesty's forces in North America for the Invasion of Canada 1759. *Stephen Kent* inlisted April 2. *A resident of Ipswich age 32* was in *former expedition of 1758* at *Lake George.*

Muster Roll of a Company of foot under the Command of Capt Stephen Whipple raised for the Reduction of Canada Colonel Jonathan Bagley. 1758. *Stephen Kent. private of Ipswich.* days Travel 15 entered Service Apl. 8 Served until Nov 10 Time in Service 7 months 26 days Wages £14.5.5.

Jonothan Rice *Innholder* account of Billiting Sudbury — from 13 Sept 1758 to Jany 4. 1759

Names	Meals.	Company	Regiment
Obediah Briggs	1	Capt Angar Ronyseny	Col Joseph Williams
Jeremiah Bridge		Capt Jonathan Brown	Col Wm Williams
Samuel Bridg		Capt James Goin	Colt. Prebbles
Joseph Bridges		do	do
Stephen Kent		Capt. Stephen Whipels	Col Bagley
Othenical Thomas		Capt Benjamin Pratt	Col Dotee

The mens Names tha Had Baynots in Majr. Dudlies Company are as follow May 1758 *Stephen Kent*

Province of Massachusetts Bay to Bazaliel Eager of Westborough. Innholder to Vitualling the following persons as they were on their return from the Province *Service at Lake George* in the year 1758

What Regmt	Whole Co		Meals	
Preble	Gowing	*Samt Bridge*	1	0.0.6
Col Bagley.	Capt Whipple	*Stephen Kent*	1	0.0.6
J Williams	Billings	*Saul Thomas*	1	0.0.6
Dote	Pratt	*Ettenes Thomas*	1	0.0.6

A Muster Roll of the Company in His Majesty's Service under the Command of Nathl Bailey Esq Captain Feby. 1760 to Jany. 1761 *Stephen Kent* Private — *Ipswich* — *Sick* — entered Service March 22. 1760 Served until Jany 15. 1761

time of service 42 weeks 6 days Billiting home 8d pr diem *200 miles* 8/ 8 wages £19.5.9.

Paymasters Supplies to Capt. Nathaniel Baily's Company

Names	dollars recd. of the paymaster	dft in fav. Mr Greenlief
Stephen Kent	3 do — 0-18.0	0-18-0.

To His Excellency *Francis Barnard Esq. Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over His Majestys Province of the Massachusetts Bay* in New England &c the Honbll His Majestrys Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled this 29th day of May AD 1765. The memorial of *Stephen Kent of Ipswich* Humbly Sheweth — That your memorialist in March 1759 Inlisted himself into the servis of this Government under the Comand of Capt Stephen Whipple in Cornll Bagley's Regement and was to go to Louisburg with Capt Whipples Company. But was Prevented By *Sickness* and was not able to go untill some time in June following and then was ordered to go and Joyn the Rigement and Accordingly was put on Bord one Capt. French who obliged me to Pay him Four Dollers for my Passage and as I was not able to go with the first Troops but Confined at Home I Did not Receive my Billiting money which was allowed by the Province & Paid to others my Sickness afore mentioned was a feavour & I was obliged to have a *Nurse for three Weeaks* which also Distressed me under my Poor Circumstances These things I hear Lay Before your Excellency and Honrs. Praying that I may be allowed what I Pay d. for my Passage my Billiting & Nursing as aforesaid if in your Great Wisdom & Justice you shall se meet — and as in Duty Bound shall Pray.

Stephen Kent

June 14. 1765 A. petition of *Stephen Kent* of *Ipswich* Setting forth. That he Inlisted into his Majesty's Service in the pay of the Province in 1759. That he was in Capt. Whipple's Company of Col. Bagley's Regiment, but was *prevented by sickness* proceeding with the Company to Louisburgh but upon his recovery he went thither with Capt French to whom he paid Four Dollars for his passage and praying an allowance of that expence and the expence of his billetting till he went. In the House of Representatives. Read and ordered that the sum of Two Pounds. three Shillings and Eight pence be paid out of the public Treasury to Doctr. Calef. for the use of the petitioner in full In Council. Read and Concurred. Consented to by the Governor

Prospect Hill Dec 29 1775 Rec'd of Capt Abraham Dodge the sum of Twenty five Shillings for my Coat money — Each of us whose names. are hear under Sined who Belongs to sd Dodges Company in the Continental Armey. . . . Additional Names later date *Stephen Kent* et al.

Stephen Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Dodge's Co., Col. Moses Little's Regt. Time of enlistment Dec. 1, 1775.

Stephen Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster Roll of Capt. Abraham Dodge's Co., Col. . . . Regt., for April, 1776. Dated April 24, 1776. Enlisted Dec. 1, 1775. Residence Ipswich.

Stephen Kent appears in a Statement of Continental Balances with rank of Private in Col. Michael Jackson's Regt., engaged for 3 years.

Stephen Kent appears in a Statement of Continental Balances with rank of *Drummer* in Col. Crane's Regt.

Stephen Kent appears in a List of Men enlisted into Continental Army from the County of Essex. He *belonged to Ipswich*, and enlisted for Ipswich.

Stephen Kent appears with rank of Private on Continental Army Pay Accounts of Capt. Burnam's Co , Col. Michael Jackson's Regt., for Service from March 1, 1777, to Nov. 18, 1777, credited to town of Ipswich. Residence Ipswich. Reported deceased.

Stephen Kent appears in a Return of Men enlisted into the Continental Army from . . . Co. of 3d Essex County Regt., dated Ipswich, Feb. 17, 1778. *He*

belonged to Ipswich, and enlisted for Ipswich for term of 3 years. Joined Capt. Burnham's Co., Col. Jackson's Regt.

1778. THIS YEAR James Rust a prisoner at Halifax, *Stephen Kent* and Jonathan Andrews, soldiers at Albany, Abraham and Isaac Jones, Israel Andrews, Nathaniel Emerson, and Abijah Story, a black man, of the army, *all of Chebacco died.*

Stephen Kent appears with grade of *Private* on A Return of Capt. John Burnam's Co., Col. Michael Jackson's Regt. Reported *deceased.* Dated April 9, 1779.

JACOB,[6] son of Capt. Stephen,[5] while yet young went to Salisbury, Mass., and there engaged in a factory, and was associated with Paul Moody, who was in Lowell at one time. Both were noted for their genius. Jacob d. of apoplexy Feb. 14, 1829, aged 53. He mar. three times. *By his 1st wife, . . . Morrill, he had 1 child:*

I. SARAH MORRIL, b. . . . ; mar. John Christian, a clothier, and had one child.

Jacob,[6] *by his 2d wife, Hannah Ordway, had 3 children:*

II. JOHN,[7] b. 1804; mar. his cousin, a dau. of Moses Kent of Newburyport, who left him a widower.

III. STEPHEN,[7] b. . . . ; mar. . . . , a cobbler.

IV. HANNAH, b. . . . One *Hannah* mar. Moses Kent, her cousin.

Jacob,[6] *by his 3d wife, . . . Noyes,* the sister of his bro. Stephen's wife, *had 3 children:*

V. MARY GERRISH, b. . . .

VI. NOYES,[7] b. . . .

VII. ELIZABETH, b. . . .: mar. . . . Sargent of Bradford.

There was one JACOB who probably descended from THOMAS of Gloucester, but as many claim him as of this family I give him and his posterity below:

JACOB[1] had a *brother Asa* and son, and they were uncles of Geo. Eddy of Ware, Mass.

REUBEN,[2] son of Jacob,[1] b. Nov. 26, 1773, at Brookfield, Mass.; mar. 1st, Oct. 12, 1802, *Sally*, dau. of *Wm. Adams*, at Brookfield, and settled in Marlborough, Vt. He d. suddenly in 1828, at Bennington, Vt. *They had children:*

I. WILLIAM ADAMS,[3] b. July 25, 1804, at Marlboro.

By his 2d wife, Eunice Huntley of Bennington, Vt., *he had children:*

II. THOMAS,[3] b. Mch. 6, 1814; mar. . . . ; resides with Wm. M. Kent, at No. Adams, Mass.

III. ELIZA, b. July 23, 1819; mar. . . . Wesley of Howell, Livingstone Co., Mich., who has a dau., Mrs. Martha L. Hiscutt.

IV. REUBEN,[3] b. . . . , 1822.

WILLIAM ADAMS,[3] son of Reuben,[2] mar. 1st, at Sturgis, Mich., May 12, 1839, *Catherine Drake*, b. Epping, N.H., Jan. 28, 1818. *They had children*, all b. Branch Co., Mich.:

I. ADELAIDE, b. Mch. 9, 1840, and who has taken an interest in this genealogy; residing Benton Harbor, Mich., in 1897.

II. HENRY WARE,[4] b. Sept. 30, 1843; was mar. at Algansee, Mich., Dec. 18, 1873, by Rev. S. D. Burlingame, to *Ella Jennie Boon*, b. Coldwater, Mich., Jan. 29, 1854, and has 2 children by adoption: *James E.* and *Carrie Mae.*

III. WILLIAM ALBERT,[4] b. Sept. 30, 1843; d. May 28, 1882; was mar. by N. Peirce at Coldwater, Mich., Apl. 13, 1870, to *Frances E. Ketcham*, who as his widow is living at Denver, Col., in 1897, where she also has a grandson, Wm. Kent Lownsburg, living. They had chil., b. at Coldwater: 1. HATTIE ELOISE, b. Sept. 15, 1870. 2. ELLA MAY, b. Oct. 5, 1872. 3. CHARLES ALBERT,[5] b. July 23, 1876; d. Sept. 2, 1877.

IV. ADDISON DRAKE,[4] b. Jan. 12, 1854; of Greenfield, Tenn., in 1897; was mar. at St. Joseph, Mich., Oct. 3, 1883, by Rev. N. R. Quackenbush of Benton Harbor, to *Kate L. Stratton.*

Catherine Drake Kent d. June 6, 1857, in Branch Co., and Wm. A.[3] was mar. 2d to *Drusilla Thatcher* at Sturgis, Nov. 3, 1870, by Rev. A. A. Knappen, and d. Apl. 9, 1871, at Sturgis.

Jacob Kent in the Revolution appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Daniel Gilbert's Co., Col. Josiah Whitney's Regt., for service at Rhode Island on the alarm of. . . . Time of enlistment Aug. 2, 1778. Time of discharge Sept. 13, 1778. Time of service 1 month 16 days.

Jacob Kent appears among a List of Men as *Private* in Capt. Cutler's Co. Marched from home Aug. 27. Joined regiment at West Point Sept. 3 (year not given). Town enlisted for, *Brookfield.*

One JACOB KENT had a son Henry, who resided in Trenton, N.J.; and he had sons living in 1897: J. H. Kent, Rochester, N.Y., and J. E. Kent, Nashua, N.H.

JACOB KENT and wife Abigail of Brookfield, Mass., had a

son ASA, who settled in Bristol, R.I., and mar. Apl. 29, 1814, *Susan*, dau. of Edward and Sarah *Munro* of Bristol. In 1811 there was an *Asa Kent* in the 1st Methodist Society of Lynn, Mass., and in 1809 and 1810 *Rev. Asa Kent* preached in the Meth. Epis. Church at Epping, N.H. On June 17, 1813, *Abigail*, dau. to *Rev. Asa* and *Abigail Kent*, was b. at Bristol, R.I.; and on Aug. 11, 1813, the mother d. at Warren, R.I.

(These evidently are of family of Jacob[1] above.)

EDWARD E. KENT, son of *Elbridge L.* and *Diantha* of Lawrence, Mass., where he was b. Sept., 1863, moved to Rockingham, N.H., in 1887. He mar. *Angie B.*, dau. of Chas. *Head* of No. Salem, N.H.

EDWARD KENT of Kent's Island mar. May, 1885, Ada W. Knight, widow of David S. Tenney of Newburyport.

EVARTS B. KENT was acting pastor of 1st Cong. Church, Billerica, Mass., 1870–1.

ISAAC KENT of Concord mar. Aug. 18, 1724, Anne Barney of Billerica. In 1722 he was in Col. Shadrack Walton's Co. Muster Roll as "Centinel." In 1759 Isaac Kent and "his wife Mary" were in Westford.

SAMUEL KENT of Charlestown and Lucy Johnson of Burlington were there mar. Apl. 10, 1808.

CAPT. SAMUEL KENT, b. 1784, Duxbury, mar. Deborah Kent, and had children: 1. Hiram. 2. Allen M. 3. Edward G. 4. Hannah G.; and d. Dec. 26, 1823.

A child of *Sam'l Kent* was buried Oct. 16, 1838, at Lynn, Mass.

CHRISTIANA KENT mar. Samuel Hall of East Boston, Mass., who d. Nov. 13, 1870, aged 70.

MRS. ELSIE KENT of Beverly was 80 in 1888.

NEWBURYPORT. Another volunteer company marched for Cambridge in the latter part of May (1775) to join the Continental Army, and with the company of Captain Lunt was *at the battle of Bunker Hill*. The members of the company were: *Abiel Kent*, private, et al.

MOSES,[6] son of Moses,[5] Capt. Richard,[4] resided on Kent Island. He was a blockmaker and successful in business. His children died in the prime of life. Moody Kent writes that he once asked Dr. Nathan Noyes the cause of this, he being their physician, and was told the cause was an over-indulgence in sweets and "nice things," which injured their stomachs. The

two parents and their four children d. between 1828 and 1833. He mar. *Sarah Adams*, who was b. Dec. 16, 1777, and he d. Oct., 1831, aged 58. She d. Oct., 1830, aged 53. *They had 4 children:*

I. Capt. Moses K.,[7] b. 1797; d. May 30, 1828. (One *Moses A. Kent* of Danvers, aged 20, d. in the late war as a member of Co. A, 23d Regt.)

II. Mary Ann, b. . . . ; d. Sept. 15, 1831, aged 36, or Nov. 9, 1828, aged 30. Is said to have been courted by Mr. Felton of Lowell, but dismissed him and later mar. John Pearson.

III. John,[7] b. . . . ; mar. Caroline . . . , who d. Mch. 24, 1833.

Henry S. was probably the 4th, and b. abt. 1798; mar., settled in Boston, then Wenham, then California.

Eunice Kent mar. . . . Folsom of Bradford.

Martha Kent mar. . . . John Rogers of Daytown, Newburyport.

Jacob Kent d. unmarried.

John Kent of Danvers mar., 1822, *Hannah*, dau. Enoch *Tappan*, b. 1799.

DANIEL[6] of Newbury, son of Richard,[5] Richard,[4] mar. Elisabeth Day of Bradford, Mass., Apl., 1792; and d. Oct. 4, 1826, aged 62, leaving one dau.

The following I have not placed, but they probably are connected with this family:

Abigail Kent, b. Nov. 7, 1773; who d. Dec. 25, 1857; mar. Tristram, son of John Knight of *Atkinson*, b. Jan. 31, 1771; d. June 30, 1855.

John Little, b. Aug. 22, 1825, mar. Sarah Thurston, dau. of *James M. Kent* of Chester, N.H., b. Sept. 4, 1829.

Betsey Bailey, b. about 1773, mar. in April, 1792, Daniel Kent from Newbury, Mass.; resided awhile where A. Elles lives, 1858, W. Bradford, and was then a tailor by trade; but afterwards he left and lived in many towns in Maine, N.H., and Vermont, and was in various speculations. Children: *Fred*, d. young; *Adaline*, d. unmarried; and *John*, who used to drive a coach to Boston before the railroads were built in N.H. and Vermont; has lived in Orange, Vt., and has had a family of several children.

CAROLINE A. KENT mar. Apl. 16, 1857, in Andover, Geo. I. Peirce, both of West Newbury.

JUSTIN KENT of Haverhill was a member of the Fire Society in 1805.

CHAS. E. KENT of Haverhill was in 1st Bat., Co. C, in the civil war.

ELIZABETH KENT of Concord, N.H., mar. Seth Tucker Oct. 13, 1808.

Capt. Harry Kingsbury died at Salisbury Point, Amesbury, Mass., Aug. 6, 1890, aged 76. He was the oldest son of Samuel and Miriam (Gilpatrick) Kingsbury, and was born at Bath, Me., May 4, 1814. He was a descendant in the 8th generation from Henry Kingsbury of Ipswich and Haverhill, Mass., through John,[2] John,[3] and wife Hannah, Henry,[4] and wife *Rebecca Kent*. . . .

A Muster Roll of a Company under the Command of Colⁿ Jonathan Bagley, of wᶜʰ Company John Kingsbury is Captain — at *Crown Point* from Feb 18 to Decʳ 17, 1756 — *Daniel Kent*, Soldier, of *Newbury*, entered service March 10ᵗʰ. Served until Dec 7ᵗʰ Time of Service 39 Weeks Wages £15.12-0. He was enlisted out of the foot companies Sept. 22, 1755.

JAMES KENT of Lowell after 1835; was b. 1800; d. 1876. A Mrs. Kent, an elderly lady in 1880, was a niece of John Dummer.

ELBRIDGE L. KENT mar. Nov. 25, 1858, in Lyndeborough, N.H., Diantha T. Tidd, both of Woburn.

ANNE E. KENT of Lyndeborough and Minot J. Buckman of Woburn were mar. Mch. 4, 1862.

MARY JANE KENT of Concord, N.H., b. June 23, 1806, mar. Rev. M. G. Thomas.

REBECCA PRENTISS KENT, b. Feb. 17, 1808, mar. Rev. Chas. Packard.

MOSES,[6] son of Mariner,[5] mar. *Martha Colman Farnsworth*, b. in Harvard Sept., 1791. *They had children:*

I. GEORGE W.,[7] b. Boston June 1, 1820; of Gridley, Ill., in 1897.

II. MARY ANN, b. May 23, 1827, at Boston; mar. . . . Putney; resides Emerson St., So. Boston, in 1897.

SARAH KENT, dau. of *Richard* and Hannah, was b. in Boston May 29, 1723.

BETSEY KENT was mar. by Rev. John Eliot to John Allen Bradford, at Boston, Dec. 11, 1785.

MARY KENT was mar. by Rev. John Lathrop to Geo. Newell, at Boston, Sept. 4, 1796.

ABIGAIL KENT was mar. by Rev. Thos. Gair to Caleb Foggs, at Boston, Nov. 23, 1788.

JAMES MARANER,[6] youngest of the six sons of Mariner,[5] was reared on a farm at Derry, N.H. At about 18 years of age he mar. *Fanny Brown* of Hookset, N.H. Soon after his marriage he went to Boston, worked there 3 years as a boiler-maker, and then went back to Derry and opened a blacksmith's shop on Walnut Hill, in town of Chester. He was Representative to General Court in 1857. He died Jan. 17, 1872. His widow was suffocated by escaping gas at home of her niece, the wife of Ex-Governor Harrington, in Manchester, Oct. 11, 1877.

JAMES MARANER and FANNY BROWN KENT had children:

I. JAMES B.,[7] b. Mch. 6, 1823; at 18 years old went to Boston, and engaged in the express business for 20 years.

II. WILLIAM, b. Aug. 18, 1824; d. Apl. 11, 1826.

III. LUCIEN,[7] b. Mch. 30, 1828; learned blacksmithing with his father; in 1870 Representative to General Court of N.H.

IV. SARAH F., b. Sept. 14, 1829; mar. John Little of Atkinson, and had 3 dau.

V. CHARLES H.,[7] b. Aug. 18, 1835; went to Boston at 16, and engaged in the express business with his brother for 8 years. Then went to work for the Street R.R. Co., and drove the first horse-car that ran in the city. In 1861 he enlisted in the 8th N.H. Vol., and served 3 years. In April, 1869, he mar. Mrs. *Cora* M. Curtis, dau. of Josiah *Litz* of Lynn, Mass.

VI. MARGARET F., b. Jan. 1, 1846.

RACHEL KENT d. at Boston Sept. 17, 1721, aged 21.

JOSHUA KENT d. at Boston Jan. 5, 1702.

JOSHUA KENT and Margaret Manbery were mar. at Boston by Mr. Benj. Wadsworth Jan. 31, 1722, and had a son *Joshua*, b. Nov. 7, 1733. *Elizabeth*, dau. of Margaret Kent, was b. Apl. 30, 1732. *John*, son of Margaret, was b. Nov. 27, 1737.

RETURN OF MEN inlisted or impressed for his Majesty's service. Province of Massachusetts Bay in the Regiment whereof Joseph Gerrish Esq is Colonel. to be put under the Command of his Excellency Jeffry Amherst Esq General Commander in Chief of His Majestys forces in North America for the *Invasion of Canada* 1759. *Joshua Kent* inlisted april 4 a resident of Newbury — Servant of Jacob Tappin age 18 years.

A Muster Roll of the Company in His Majestys Service under the Command of Samuel George Esq Captain Nov 2. 1759 to April 15. 1761 *Joshua Kent — Private — Almsbury* — Servt. Jacob Tappan entered service Nov 2. 1759. Served until Dec 9 — 1760 (at Louisburg) time of Service 57 weeks 5 days Billiting Home Miles Travel 45 — 2/ — wages £25. 19–6.

AMOS,[7] son of Amos,[6] Joseph,[5] Capt. Richard,[4] mar. at St. Helena, La., Dec. 26, 1839, *Susan Fluker*, b. there Aug. 1, 1823. *They had children*, b. St. Helena, La.:

I. Abby Manns, b. Feb. 10, 1841;
mar. Sept. 1, 1864, O. P. Amacker, and had chil.: **1.** Amos Kent. **2.** Samuel H. **3.** Susan (deceased). **4.** Leslie Maud. **5.** Alice Means. **6.** Obie P. **7.** Robt. Percy. **8.** Walter Kent.

II. James Fluker,[8] b. Jan. 17, 1843; mar. Feb. 22, 1866, *Lilah F. Amacker;* d. Aug. 18, 1886. They had chil.: **1.** Amos (deceased). **2.** J. Ellis (deceased). **3.** Obie A. (deceased). **4.** Richard A.[9] **5.** Susan Grace. **6.** Alma T. **7.** Margaret I. **8.** Catherine. **9.** Eva D. **10.** James F.[9] **11.** Irwin.[9] **12.** Jennie Dean.

III. John Reid,[8] b. Oct. 24, 1844; mar. Mch. 12, 1868, *Clara A. Gordon*, and had chil.: **1.** Nellie. **2.** Mary. **3.** Nola.

IV. George,[8] b. Oct. 3, 1846; mar., 1867, *E. D. Amacker;* d. Apl. 21, 1883. They had chil.: **1.** Nathaniel A.[9] **2.** Teresa. **3.** Abby. **4.** Fluker (deceased). **5.** John.[9] **6.** George.[9] **7.** Clara. **8.** Susan.

V. Susan, b. May 2, 1848;
mar. 1868, Chas. E. Kennon, and had chil.: **1.** Clement C. (deceased). **2.** Charles E. **3.** George A. **4.** Herbert (deceased). **5.** Roberta B. **6.** Edwin B.

VI. Teresa, b. Oct. 31, 1850.

VII. Catherine, b. Sept. 16, 1852; mar. Fred. D. Woolver.

VIII. Amos, b. July 31, 1856; d. Mch. 22, 1857.

IX. Fanny Lee, b. July 18, 1858;
mar. Jan. 18, 1881, Chas. W. Tate, and had chil.: **1.** Ethel (deceased). **2.** Everett (deceased). **3.** Aileene. **4.** Louise. **5.** Genevive. **6.** Fanny Lee.

X. Walter Campbell,[8] b. Jan. 29, 1861; mar. Sept. 28, 1894, *Kate E. Varnado*, and had twins: Dorothy (deceased) and Doris.

XI. Charles Adolph, b. Mch. 7, 1863; mar. *Edith Ritson*, and has children: **1.** Hermes.[9] **2.** Chas. A.[9]

XII. Mary Mason, b. Jan. 2, 1869; mar. Dec. 17, 1890, John H. Ellis.

GEORGE,[7] son of Amos,[6] Joseph,[5] mar. June 3, 1844, *Lucretia Barnard* of Nantucket, b. Aug. 8, 1814. He d. Oct. 21, 1883. They resided in the old Meare's mansion house, on Amherst Plain, N.H. During the season of 1867 he is said to have taken 1168 trout and 125 pickerel from the brooks and ponds about Amherst. *They had one child:*

I. ANNA, b. Feb. 17, 1852, at Amherst.

She was a member of the Musical Association in 1876, and mar. June 5, 1881, Charles Theodore Carruth. They had one child: Charles, b. Aug. 11, 1887; and reside in Cambridge, Mass., in 1897.

FREDERICK,[7] son of Amos,[6] Joseph,[5] mar. *Margaret Irwin*, at Baton Rouge, La., and d. April 10, 1864, at Salisbury, N.C. *He had children:*

I. ADOLPH, b. . . . ; deceased.
II. FREDERICK, b. . . . ; deceased.
III. MARY, b. . . . ; mar. . . . Hurst of Texas.
IV. FANNY, b. . . . ; mar. . . . Favrot of Baton Rouge, La.
V. MARGARET, b. . . . ; mar. Stephen Jones of Baton Rouge.
VI. GEORGE, b. . . . ; deceased.
VII. CHARLES, b. . . . ; "
VIII. ELIZABETH, b. . . . ; "

JOSHUA NOYES,[7] son of Stephen,[6] Capt. Stephen,[5] mar. Sarah Noyes. To him and his children Betty Kent gave her interest in the Island. He also owned a part of the Noyes farm and a farm at Daytowne. *He had children:*

I. OTIS L.,[8] b. . . .
II. LEONARD N.,[8] b. . . .
III. ALBERT SYDNEY[8] (of Webb City, Mo., 1897), b. March 29, 1852, at Newbury; mar. Dec. 3, 1893, at Corder, Lafayette Co., Mo., *Frances Vandiver Baldwin*, b. Knox Co., Mo., March 2, 1863. They have two children: **1.** JOSHUA LEWIS,[9] b. Nov. 22, 1894, at Webb City, Jasper Co., Mo. **2.** LEONARD NOYES,[9] b. Dec. 31, 1896, at Galena, Cherokee Co., Kan.
IV. EDWARD, b. . . .

GEORGE W.,[7] son of Moses,[6] Marriner,[5] mar. Apl. 6, 1843, *Mary Paul* of Dedham, b. Mch. 24, 1824. *They had children:*

I. GEORGE BOYDEN,[8] b. Apl. 10, 1844, at Dorchester.
II. THEO. FARNSWORTH,[8] b. May 2, 1846, at Milton, and d. Aug. 5, 1887, from wound rec'd at battle Stone

River, Dec. 31, 1862. He mar. Sept. 1, 1870, *Laura A. Jewett*, and had chil.: **1.** JULIEN L.,[9] b. July 11, 1871. **2.** MARY IRENE, b. Aug. 11, 1878.

III. ABBY DAVIS, b. Dec. 13, 1849, at Milton.

IV. EDGAR FRANCIS,[8] b. Jan. 27, 1852, at Milton; mar. 1st, Oct. 1, 1876, *Grace Houghton*, who d. Feb. 14, 1878, leaving child.: **1.** BESSIE G., b. Dec. 2, 1877. He mar. 2d, *Mary Carson*, May 17, 1887, and by her had chil.: **2.** LEE CARSON,[9] b. Feb. 27, 1890. **3.** EVERETT,[9] b. June 4, 1894, both at Gridley, Ill.

V. ALBERT TEELE,[8] b. July 10, 1854, at Selma, Ill.; mar. Jan. 5, 1883, *Belle Kerr*, and had chil., b. Gridley: **1.** ALMA A., b. June 14, 1889. **2.** GEO. T.,[9] b. Oct. 18, 1893.

VI. FRED PAUL,[8] b. Apl. 23, 1859; mar. Sept. 8, 1887, *Carrie Eggert*, at Gridley, and had chil., b. in Chase, Neb.: **1.** INEZ E., b. Aug. 15, 1888. **2.** LELA, b. Sept. 7, 1890.

VII. ARTHUR LINCOLN,[8] b. Jan. 18, 1861; mar. June 5, 1884, *Eva Freed*, and had chil.: **1.** GRACE M., b. May 7, 1885, at Waldo, Ill. **2.** ALBERT ELMA,[9] b. Oct. 5, 1886. **3.** THEO. F.,[9] b. Sept. 19, 1888. **4.** HENRY H.,[9] b. June 6, 1896, at Gridley.

VIII. WILLIAM SHERIDAN,[8] b. Dec. 3, 1866; mar. July 17, 1892, *Cora Drury*, and had chil., b. Gridley: **1.** LESTER B.,[9] b. Apl. 27, 1893. **2.** ELMO GLENN,[9] b. Nov. 16, 1894.

IX. SUSAN, b. Apl. 28, 1871.

CHAPTER VIII.

STEPHEN KENT OF NEWBURY AND HAVERHILL, MASS., HIS DESCENDANTS IN MASSACHUSETTS, NEW JERSEY, AND NEW YORK, AND HIS POSSIBLE ENGLISH ANCESTRY, A.D. 1548 TO 1897.

THE REGISTERS OF ST. MARY'S, READING, ENGLAND.

Marriages. 1543: Gilbert Veyre and Marga. Kente, July 8. 1548, Feb. 3: Robart Blacknoll and *Agnes Kent.* 1550, Oct. 19: William Jackman and *Eliza. Kent.* 1552, Jan.: Henry Gape and *Johan Kente.* 1559, Nov. 20: Nicholas Watlington and *Alice Kent.* 1576, July: William Richardes and *Marga. Kente.* 1585, April 16: Nicholas Harris and *Tomson Kente.* 1588, July 12: Steven Marshalle and *Eliza. Kente.*

BEDFORDSHIRE institutions, 1554–70. Institutions to Benefices in the Archdeaconry of Bedford. Name of parish, Pulloxhill. Name of incumbent, John Johns. Date of instit. or collation, 28 Apr., 1554. How vacant, death of *Rich. Kent.*

PARISH OF TODDINGTON, Porcis decimar in Eccl'ie ib'm. Name of incumbent, John Attwood. Date of instit. or collation, 1562. How vacant, death of *Thomas Kent.*

Name of parish, Toddington, Porcis quonda, Joh'is Fisshe. Name of incumbent, Robert Johnsoune. Date of instit. or collation, 25 Apr., 1562.

Gleanings from Parish Registers, Bedford, S. John. 1685, Apr. 3, Hanscombe: *Kent*, Mr. *Robert & Rebecca* mar.

LIST OF EMIGRANTS TO AMERICA, 1600 TO 1700.

Musters of the inhabitants of Virginia 1624. The muster of *Humfrey Kent:* Humfrey Kent arrived in the George 1619; Joane his wife in the Tyger 1621; Margrett Arrundell aged 9 years in the Abigaile 1621.

MONMOUTH'S REBELLION OF 1685.

Lists of the "convicted rebels" sent to the Barbadoes and other plantations in America. Receipt for one hundred prison-

ers to be transported from Taunton by John Rose of London, merchant: *Edward Kent*, Mr. Rose's List. Invoice of Sixty Eight men Seruants Shipped on board Cap^{n}. Charles Gardner in ye Jamaica Merchant for acco^{t} of M^{r}. John Rose & Comp^{n}. they being Sold.

ABSTRACTS OF STAFFORDSHIRE WILLS.

Richard Pyle of Upper Wallop-Hants, will dated 26 Jan., 1623–4, proved 12 May, 1629, by his brother Edward Pyle [37 Ridley]: To be bur^{d}. at Upper Wallop, near my father, My brother Edward Pyle Exõr, Poor of Upper Wallop & Idmeston, To my brother Edward Pyle £100 — Richard & Walter his sons & Jane Agnes & Mary his daughters. *John Kent* my sister Osgood's son, *Stephen Kent* & *Thomas Kent* his brothers, Lands in Lindhurst, held by my father Richard Pyle, Lands in Collingbourne Aston & in Littleton Co. Wilts, William & *Richard Kent* overseers.

YORKSHIRE WILLS IN YORK REGISTRY.

Proved year 1650–1. Bundle for May: Testators Name. Residence & occupation *Kent. William*, Heddingley. yeoman Date of Will. Nov. 7. 1649. [Several of the names of *Briggs* in the above lists.]

YORKSHIRE FINES.

1574. Easter Term, 16 Elizabeth. Plaintiffs, Nicholas Feney and John Hanson, senr. Deforciants, Hugh Savile, Esq., and Margery his wife, William Asheton, gent., *Edward Kent*, and Richard Gledhill and Elma his wife. Nature and situation of the property, 4 messuages and 2 cottages with lands in Mydgeley and Barkysland, als. Barsland.

Hearth Tax Roll No. 16, Charles II. (1666). Attercliffe: Ralph Kent 2. Hensall: Mrs. Kent 3. Woomersley: *Steaven Kent*.

Abstract of the Will of Francis Ross of Laxton: "To Thomas Keymays of Bowres and *William Kent* of Mayre, each an ox."

New General Biographical Dictionary by Rev. Hugh J. Ross: *Kent* (*William*), a printer, was born in Yorkshire in 1685 and put apprentice to a coach painter, but left his master and came to London, etc.

Rotherham Records. Monumental inscriptions. Transept: Here lies the body of Dinah. wife of *Robert Kent* she departed

this life April the 1st. 1757 aged 55 years Here lies the body of George, the son of *Richard* and *Ann Kent*, died January 19th 1797 aged 3 years Also the body of William, their son who died the 16th day of June 1799 in infancy Also the above named *Richard Kent* who departed this life February 2. 1817. aged 66 years.

Deanery of Doncaster. Parish of Hooten-Roberts. Here are memorials for . . . and several of the family of *Kent*, descended of those of Kimberworth in Rotherham parish, viz.: Barbara Turner, daughter of William Flint of Kimberworth, gent. aged 57, *John Kent* gent. Son of John Kent of Kimberworth 1790 aged 60. Anne relict of *John Kent* 1819 aged 79 years and *John Stetson Kent* 1814 aged 41. (The parish registers are lost previous to 1702.)

STEPHEN KENT,[1] b. England, 1607, was a prominent man in Newberry from 1638 until 1646, when he moved to Haverhill. In 1665 he settled in Woodbridge, N.J. Coffin, in his history, says that Stephen was *brother of Richard, senior*, and that he came to Newberry in 1635, but if so he went home again and *returned in 1638*, in the "*Confidence*" from *Southampton, with wife Margery and four or five servants.* In his case is observable how readily the officers of the custom-house acquiesced in false statements to avoid the arbitrary orders of the Lords of Trade and Plantations, for his age is marked 17, that of his wife 16, and George March, servant, 16; besides Hugh March, 20; Anthony Sadler, 9; Nicholas Wallington, a poor boy, without any years; and *Rebecca Kent*, 16, called servant perhaps to increase the delusion. He was older, probably, for he was *sworn a freeman 22d May, 1639.*

Passengers for New England 1638 *Southampton 24° Aprill 1638* The List of the names of the Passengers intented for New England in the good Shipp, the "Confidence" of London, of 200 tonnes, John Jobson Mr and thus by vertue of Lord Treasurers Warrant of the 11th Aprill 1638

Names	Residence	Occupation	Ages
Stephan Kent	England		17
Margery his Wife			16

1646, on a petition of those who were opposed to the removing of the meeting house, appears *Stephen Kent*. Shortly after this petition was presented, three of the petitioners removed from Newbury. Mr. Greenleaf went to Boston, *Stephen Kent moved to Haverhill*, etc.

"*Stephen Kent 12 shillings*" signed to an agreement to pay Mr Jewett his proportion of twenty pounds to purchase his house and land which the contractors give to John Johnson, provided he live here seven years following the trade of a blacksmith, in doing the town's work, etc.

About 1650 two orchards were planted, one by John Clement and the other by *Stephen Kent*. As near as can be ascertained, the former was situated a

little north of the cemetery, probably under the shelter of the adjacent hill; and the latter near the house where the late Samuel W. Ayer lived.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE contains the valuation of those to whom house lots were laid out at various times, but whose names do not appear previous to **1650:** *Steven Kent* £200.

DEC 15. 1651 — Granted by the major part of the inhabitants, that Isaac Cousins shall have a sixth part of a Saw Mill or mills: and that Mr. Clement Job Clement, *Stephen Kent*, William White and Theophilos Satchwell shall join with him, together with any others that they shall agree with, Provided that Mr Coffin have liberty to have a sixth part of it if he come to be an inhabitant in this town, The mill to be set up upon the river, called Thomas Hale's River [Little River] They are to make use of no timber that is within three miles from the Meeting-house; except it be pines or hemlock: They are to pay for the use of the town every twelfth hundred: &c &c The second division of ploughland was laid out on the 7th of June 1652. The proportion was four acres to one acre of house lots This division Commenced at the head of Pond Meadow, and extended North, east, and west, Forty one persons received a share in the division The following are the names 14. *Stephen Kent* 22½ acres.

ATT A SECOND SESSION of the Generall Court held at Boston the 19th of the 8th Moth. Año 1652 *Steuen Kent* of *Haverill*. beinge fined ten pounds for *Suffring fiue Indians to be drunken* in his howse, is hereby ordered to pay the sd ten poundes to the Selectmen of the sd towne of Haverhill within one moth, who shall therewith satisfy for the *cure of one of the sd Indians, who was hurt by the cunstable* when he was aphended; & in case of his refusall, the marshall shall hereby fetch the sd ten poundes from *Steuen Kent*, with charge for his paynes & deliuer it accordingly.

ATT A GENERALL COURT of Election, held at Boston, the 18 of the 3d Moth, Anno 1653. *Stephen Kent*, beinge fined fiue pounds for Selling to much Strong liquors to the Indians, desireing the abatement of his sd fine, is denyed.

AT A TOWN MEETING *held February 9. 1654* liberty was granted to *Stephen Kent* to place a wear in Little River, to catch alewives, or any other fish, if he would sell to the inhabitants of the town "what alewives they stood in need of." *This is the first notice we have of these fisheries*, which were afterward carried on to a considerable extent.

JOHN GODFREY & STEVEN KENT doe bind themselves unto the Treasurer of the County of norfolke in the sum of Tenn Pounds on Condition that the sayd John Godfery shall prosecute his Appeale made from a judgment of this Court in Case wherein the sayd Godfery was plaintift and John Remington Junr and Abigall his wife defendt, at the next Court of Assigtants to object This Bond was owned in Court Tho Bradbury Recordr. This is a true Copie as Attest Edw Rawson Recordr Thomas Bradbury Recordr True Copia Attestr Edw Rawson Recordr.

AT THE CLOSE OF THE SUMMER OF 1665, says Coffin (History of *Newbury*), by invitation of Governor Carteret of New Jersey, several persons went from Newbury and settled in a township, which in *honor of the Reverend John Woodbridge of Newbury* was *called Woodbridge*. Of these emigrants some returned, others remained and became distinguished both in civil and military life. Among them were Captain John Pike, ancestor of Gen. Zebulon M. Pike, killed at the battle of Queenstown, in 1812; Thomas Bloomfield, ancestor of Joseph Bloomfield, for some years Governor of New Jersey; John Bishop, Senior and Junior; Jonathan Haynes, Henry Jaques, George March, *Stephen Kent*, Abraham Toppan, Jr., Elisha Ilsley, etc., etc. Governor Carteret, John Ogden, and Luke Weston, on the 21st of May, 1666, says the Hon. William A. Whitehead (Coll. of New Jersey Hist. Soc., Vol. I.), "entered into an agreement with Daniel Peirce and his associates for settling two townships; and on the 11th of December, 1666, in consideration of £80 sterling, they transferred to Peirce for that purpose one-half of the tract known as Arthur Cull [Achter Kol] or Amboyle [Amboy], as originally granted by Governor Nicolls, extending from the Raretan

to Rahawack [Rahway] river and running back into the country, according to the Indian deed. This deed was confirmed by another of similar tenor, dated 3d December, 1666, on the back of which Peirce endorsed the names of those interested with him in the grant 'that is for the accommodating of the town now called Woodbridge,' he to have the first choice. His associates were Joshua Peirce [his son], John Pike, John Bishop, Henry Jaques, and Hugh Marche of Newbury; *Stephen Kent of Haverhill*; Robert Dennis of Yarmouth, and John Smith of Barnstable in New England. On the same day Peirce was commissioned deputy surveyor to lay out the bounds of *Woodbridge*. On the 1st of June, 1669, he and his associates received a charter."

STEPHEN KENT[1] mar. his first wife, *Margery* . . . , in England. By her were born most of if not all his children. He mar. 2d, *Ann* . . . , who d. May 3, 1660. He mar. 3d, *Eleanor*, widow of William Scadlock of Saco, Me., May 9, 1662. *He had children:*

I. ELIZABETH, b. Mch. 1, 1642; d. 1653.
II. HANNAH, b. Mch. 20, 1644; mar. Isaac Toppan, son of Abraham, Sept. 29, 1669, and d. Dec. 10, 1688.
III. STEPHEN,[2] b. Mch. 6, 1648.
IV. REBECCA, b. Aug. 3, 1650; mar. in Andover Nov. 12, 1667, John Farnham.
V. DAVID,[2] b. May 26, 1657.

It is said that "Steven" brought with him from England a daughter named Mary, who mar. Dec. 4, 1656, John Rolfe. Stephen is spoken of in 1670 as having a son-in-law, John Ford.

STEPHEN,[2] son of Stephen,[1] mar. Dec. 25, 1683, *Jane Scott*, and d. in 1729. Although mar. in Woodbridge, N.J., he evidently inherited land in Mass.

The lots in the fifth division of land (Haverhill) were drawn Nov. 20, 1721, and as showing who or rather whose representative were the commoners at this time, the list is well worth inserting: 14. *Stephen Kent.*

The fact that all these names except seven are to be found in the records within three years from the date of the Indian deed, and before the town was incorporated, shows clearly who were at this time considered to be the proprietors of the undivided lands in the town. They were the heirs and assigns of the original purchasers.

Stephen[2] mar. twice. His will, dated Apl. 11, 1726, leaves his movable property to his wife Abigail for bringing up his two children, John[3] and Abagail. He mentioned *David*[3] as his oldest son, dau. *Hannah*, and son *Stephen.*[3]

STEPHEN and JANE SCOTT KENT had children:

I. SUSANNAH (or Rebecca), b. Dec. 21, 1684.
II. DAVID,[3] b. June 30, 1686. And possibly some of the above children were by this wife also.

It is barely possible that DAVID PAUL KENT of N.Y. City descended from this branch of the family, and possibly from David[2] or David.[3]

DAVID PAUL was b. in N.Y. City about 1815–18, and tradition says christened in St. Paul's Catholic Church, but that is a very modern church and I have failed to find any information there. I have also had the records of St. Paul's Episcopal Church examined and the priest in charge of St. Michael's consulted regarding its records, but found nothing. St. Peter's has disappeared. David P. Kent was of a restless, roving nature, frequently absenting himself from his family for months, and was of a reticent nature. In 1838 he went East, presumably to visit his old home in New York. In 1842 he moved his family from Meadville, Penn., to Massillon, O. In 1848 he absented himself from his family, going to Columbus, O., where he d. Oct. 20, 1848, of cholera. Tradition says he was son of *Abraham Lewis* and *Faith Viola Kent* and that he had bro's *Timothy, Henry I.*, and *Rudulph*, and sisters *Athetha* and *Hester Susan*. David P. ran away while an apprentice and completed his trade in Newark, N.J., 1836–7. He then went to Hollidaysburg, Penn., where he met *Margaret Parks*, dau. of George and Catharine (James) Parks, who was b. at Elizabethtown, Pa., Dec. 25, 1813; d. Massillon, O., May 13, 1895. He mar. her Sept. 8, 1837, and moved to Petersburg, thence to Meadville, Penn., and in 1842 to Massillon, O. They had 4 sons and 2 daughters. Should any readers of this book be able to identify or locate the family from which David P. Kent descended they will confer a favor on his posterity by communicating with A. D. HOMARD, No. 643 So. ERIE ST., MASSILLON, O.

David Paul and *Margaret Kent* had children:

I. JOHN M., b. July 12, 1838, at Petersburg, Pa.; d. Sept. 25, 1876, at Columbus, O.

II. NANCY A., b. June 14, 1840, at Meadville, Pa.; mar. Dec. 15, 1857, *Abraham Homard*, at Massillon, O., and they had 9 children: *1. Albert D.*, b. Sept. 26, 1858. *2. Virginia*, b. June 6, 1861. *3. Henry*, b. Dec. 5, 1862. *4. Isaac J.*, b. Oct. 14, 1864. *5. Theodore P.*, b. Apl. 16, 1867. *6. Edward*, b. May 10, 1869. *7. Ivy M.*, b. Mch. 28, 1872. *8. Charles R.*, b. Dec. 4, 1873. *9. Amanda*, b. Mch. 20, 1875.

III. JAMES L., b. Apl. 20, 1842, Massillon; d. in the West.

IV. GEORGE, b. . . . ; mar. July 5, 1868, *Margaret Ann Duser*, and resides near Massillon. They have 8 chil.: *1. Tennet Venona*, b. Dec. 27, 1872. *2. Eugene Elmor*, b. Apl. 17, 1875. *3. Myrtle Maud*, b. Aug. 26, 1877. *4. John Henry*, b. June 7, 1880. *5. Ovid*, b. Jan. 30, 1883. *6. Gertrude May*, b. May 6, 1885. *7. Thomas Harrison*, b. July 23, 1888. *8. Charles Rosco*, b. Dec. 29, 1893.

V. THEODORE PAUL, b. . . . ; mar. May 9, 1867, *Mary Jane Brown*, b. Jan. 12, 1848; d. Nov. 25, 1874. They resided at Wooster, O. They had 4 chil.: *1. Ida Alice*, b. Mch. 6, 1868. *2. James Claude*, b. June 13, 1869; mar. Sept., 1889, Fanny Miller, and has 1 son: Theo. Sam'l, b. May 14, 1891. *3. Frank Clark*, b. Jan. 24, 1872. *4. Mazena Belle*, b. Feb. 22, d. Aug. 25, 1873.

VI. ELIZABETH, b. . . . ; mar. June 20, 1889, John Zaler, Genoa, O. They have one son: *Roy*, b. Apl. 2, 1890.

DAVID,[3] son of Stephen,[2] Stephen,[1] mar. . . . , and had children:

I. WILLIAM,[4] b. . . .

The following William Kent I have been unable to locate unless he be William,[4] as above:

A Muster Roll of the Company in His Majesty's Service under the command of Joshua Moody Captain *William Kent* — entered Service Nov. 20, 1747 Served until Jan 31 Time of Service 10 weeks 3 days.

A Muster Roll of the Company in His Majestys service under the command of Joshua Moody, Captain *William Kent* entered service Feby. 1, served until March 31. Time of service 8 weeks, 3 days. Dated Boston, June 2d, 1748.

FREDERICK FORT, JULY YE 3D 1748

May it Please Your Excellency As In Duty Bound I am now to accquaint your Excellency that Last Saturday ye Second Instant *the Indians Carried away one of my men William Kent by name* who Contrary to my Possetive orders went out of the Garrison They *Took Him without fireing a gun or makeing the Least Noise* as to what number of the Enemy there was is uncertain there was but Two appeared I must Beg Leave to accquaint your Excellency that notwithstanding the Courts allowing me Thirty men I never as yet have had Twenty I must Therefore Humbly Pray that your Excellency Would be Pleased to Take our Case into your wise Consideration for We are very weak handed I am your Excellencys Most Dutyfull & Humble Servant Samll Moody

In "AN ACCOUNT OF SUNDRY ENGLISH PRISONERS brought in from Louisburg by Aylmer Gravill in the schooner "Brittanica" who were brought from Canada I find the name of "*William Kent*" taken at Pemaquid, of Pemaquid, Oct. 6, 1748. (Hist. and Geneal. Reg., Vol. VI., p. 192-8.)

To the Honble Spencer Phips Esq. Lt. Govr. Commander in Chief &c To the Honble his majesty's Council & House of Representve in General Court assembled May 1750 The Petition of *William Kent* humbly showeth That your Petitioner in the *year 1748 was a soldier* in the service of the Province under the Command of Capt. Samuel Moody posted at Fort Frederick & on the 2 of July in said year was Captivated by the Indian Enemy — Carried to Canada & returned to his Post on the 15th of October following, That your Petitioner has had no wages allowed him for the *Time lost in Captivity* as aforesd and therefore humbly hopes, that he may be look'd upon by the honble Court, as being in sd. Service, While in Captivity till his return & that the honble Court will allow him Soldiers wages accordingly: and your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c.

Willm Kent

(Endorsed on back.) In the House of Repetves June 15. 1750

Read and ordered that the Petr be allowed out of the publick Treasury four pounds ten shillings and three pence in Consideration of *his service and sufferings* within mentioned

Sent up for Concurrence S Hubbard Spkr. In Council June 15. 1750 Read & Concurd Saml. Holbrook Dy. Secry. Consented to S Phips

Province of the Massachusetts Bay To His Excellency William Sherley Esqr Governour and Commander in Chief in and over Said Province, To the Honble his Majestys Council for the Same and the Honourable House of Representatives Humbly Shew The Proprietors of that Tract of Land lying on both sides of *Kennebeck River* which was granted to the Late *Colony of New Plymouth* in their Charter and afterwards by that Colony granted to Antipas Boys & others — Together with Sundry of the Principal Settlers and Residents within the Limits of said Tract That there are now a Considerable Number of Settlers within said Tract which are dayly making Improvements there, That your Petitioners the Proprietors are accomodating them with Grants of Land for their Encouragement and have at a Considerable Expence procured a number of Germans to Settle there. and are lying out Two new Towns at their own Expence and appropriating Lands to be given Gratis to Such as will come and Settle within their Tract, and are determined to do all that lyes in their Power to render it a well peopled and Flourishing Settlement, So that your Petitioners humbly Conceive that in a few years this Settlement may become a *Barrier against both the French and Indians*, and in all other Respects of Great Benefit to the Public. Was it not that Your Petitioners the Settlers by Reason of their Situation, and present weak State are exposed to the Indians & in a defenceless condition

against their Hostilities, and the *Precariousness of Indian peace gives Such just Apprehension of Danger as extreamly discourages* Your Petitioners the Settlers in their Business and must tend to deterr other from Settling with them to the Manifest Obstruction of the further peopling and Improving the Tract aforesaid in which the Interest of this Province is greatly concerned. Your Petitioners beg Leave therefore to Recommend themselves to your wise Care and Protection, and pray that some Measures may be by your Wisdom Concerted for their Safeguard and Defence against the Enemies to whom they are exposed or otherwise Relieve Your Petitioners upon the premises as to Your Excellency — and this Honourable Court shall seem proper, and Your Petitioners &c.

April 22. 1755 *Willm Kent* and upwards of 400 others.

INSCRIPTIONS FROM THE OLD PEMAQUID Fort burying ground: "In memory of *Capt. William Kent*, lost at sea Dec. 24, 1795, aged 41 years."

WILLIAM,[4] son of David,[3] mar. *Charity* . . . , and d. July, 1761. *They had children:*

I. ELIZABETH, b. . . .
II. PHINEAS,[5] b. Sept. 11, 1756, probably in Piscataway, N.J.

PHINEAS,[5] son of William,[4] mar. *Sarah*, dau. of *Reuben Randolph Brown*, May 1, 1785, and d. June, 1809. She was b. Aug. 16, 1763. Phineas was enrolled as a *private* in Capt. John Webster's Co., Col. David Forman's Battalion, Gen. Nat. Heard's Brigade, N.J. Militia, and took part in battle, Long Island, Aug. 27, 1776. *They had children:*

I. WILLIAM,[6] b. Mch. 17, 1786.
II. SAMUEL,[6] b. Oct. 25, 1787. Lost at sea; unmarried.
III. DAVID,[6] b. Nov. 22, 1789; never married.
IV. REUBEN,[6] b. Feb. 2, 1792, probably d. yellow fever in New Orleans.
V. CLAYTON,[6] b. Aug. 5, 1794.
VI. ELIZABETH, b. Apl. 29, 1797; mar. Sam'l Stelle, and d. in New Brunswick, N.J., Jan. 16, 1886.
VII. HULDAH, b. Oct. 5, 1799; mar. Isaac Brown, and d. about 1820.

WILLIAM,[6] son of Phineas,[5] mar. Dec. 31, 1808, *Mary Dunn*, who was b. Aug. 8, 1789, and d. Feb. 3, 1862. He d. Nov. 24, 1817. *They had children:*

I. PHINEAS,[7] b. Feb. 17, 1810.
II. NAHUM,[7] b. July 2, 1812.
III. WILLIAM,[7] b. Sept. 17, 1814.
IV. THEODORE,[7] b. June 5–12, 1817.

CLAYTON,[6] son of Phineas,[5] mar. *Catharine Ann Voorhees* Oct. 19, 1817; he d. at New Brunswick, N.J., Dec. 18, 1884. *They had children:*

I. MARY VOORHEES, b. Feb. 5, 1819; mar. Francis J. Speer, and d. Oct. 27, 1894.
II. WILLIAM,[7] b. Oct. 13, 1820.
III. SARAH ELIZABETH, b. 1823; mar. James P. Williams in 1845.
IV. ELEAZER LOSEY, b. 1825; d. 1826.
V. MARTHA HELEN, b. Sept. 20, 1828; mar. Jehiel F. Cook.
VI. RALPH VOORHEES,[7] b. June 4–5, 1831.
VII. SAMUEL LOSEY,[7] b. 1837; mar. 1860, and d. May 24, 1861.
VIII. JOHN VOORHEES,[7] b. Sept. 12, 1840.

PHINEAS,[7] son of William,[6] mar. Sept. 14, 1831, *Catharine A. Hart*, who was b. Feb. 26, 1810, and d. Feb. 7, 1885; he d. March 25, 1858. *They had children:*
I. MARY, b. July 9, 1832; d. May 5, 1835.
II. EUPHEMIA JANE, b. Feb. 17, 1834; d. Dec. 24, 1836.
III. WILLIAM THOMAS,[8] b. Jan. 6, 1838.
IV. JANE ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 25, 1840; d. July 28, 1845.
V. NAHUM,[8] b. Jan. 25, 1843; mar. Susan F. Van Derhoef Sept. 5, 1866, and d. March 7, 1896.
VI. ELENNA, b. Jan. 25, 1846; mar. Peter S. Van Anglen Sept. 15, 1866.

NAHUM,[7] son of William,[6] mar. March 30, 1835, *Arietta Williams*, and d. Nov. 4, 1838. *Children:*
I. MARY ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 21, 1835.
II. JOHN SUMMERS,[8] b. July 7, 1837.

WILLIAM,[7] son of William,[6] mar. Dec. 31, 1841, *Arietta*, the *widow* of his bro. Nahum; and d. July 23, 1891. She d. Sept. 21, 1876. *Children:*
I. CATHARINE ARIETTA, b. Dec. 2, 1842; mar. John L. Morgan Nov. 16, 1870.
II. CHARLES WILLIAM,[8] b. Oct. 25, 1845; mar. Ella Grace Hall Oct. 13, 1875.

THEODORE,[7] son of William,[6] mar. June 6, 1846, *Sarah M. Martin*, and d. Apl. 12, 1865. She was b. May 10, 1822; d. Apl. 26, 1877. *They had children:*
I. JOSEPH T.,[8] b. Feb. 20, 1848; mar. *Chloe B. Picker* Oct. 30, 1872.
II. JENNIE E., b. Nov. 11, 1849.
III. MARY J., b. Sept. 18, 1851; mar. Oct. 26, 1870, W. H. Reed, Jr., and d. Apl. 29, 1884.

IV. BERNARD M.,[8] b. Aug. 27, 1855.
V. HALSEY W.,[8] b. Sept. 11, 1859.
VI. LUCY B., b. Feb. 6, 1861; mar. W. E. Londslide Oct. 24, 1885.

WILLIAM,[7] son of Clayton,[6] mar. Jan. 8, 1852, *Sarah Ann Mount Pinkham*, and d. Sept. 6, 1883. *They had children:*

I. CHARLOTTE WEBSTER, b. Mch. 4, 1854, in Brooklyn, N.Y.
II. CATHARINE ANN, b. Oct. 30, 1858, in Brooklyn, N.Y.
III. WILLIAM HENRY,[8] b. Apl. 2, 1863, in Brooklyn, N.Y.; an attorney and counsellor at law; mar. June 13, 1895, *Louise Amelia Pfluger*, b. N.Y. City Aug. 1, 1872. He has child: ELIZABETH LOUISE, b. May 27, 1896.

RALPH VOORHEES,[7] son of Clayton,[6] mar. Sept. 20, 1855, *Martha Callaway Robertson*, and d. July 16, 1871, and had children:

I. CLAYTON, b. Aug. 2, 1856; d. Apl. 17, 1858.
II. CATHARINE ANN, b. Sept. 15, 1858; mar. Henry B. Smith in 1883.
III. HENRY ROBINSON,[8] b. Sept. 15, 1861, in New Haven, Conn.; mar. Sept. 23, 1884, *Mary Lillian McNally*, b. New Brunswick, N.J., Jan. 14, 1862, and has chil., b. in Chicago: **1.** RALPH CLAYTON,[9] b. Aug. 10, 1885. **2.** LESTER,[9] b. Sept. 13, 1888. **3.** MARGARET LILLIAN, b. July 10, 1891.
IV. & V. } twins { ALBERT, b. Jan. 20, 1867; d. May 21, 1867.
ALFRED, b. Jan. 20, 1867; d. June 23, 1867.

JOHN VOORHEES,[7] son of Clayton,[6] mar. *Ann Elizabeth Van Derhoof*, in Apl., 1863, and had children:

I. EDWIN VOORHEES,[8] b. Aug. 1, 1865; unmarried.
II. NELLIE, b. Aug. 6, 1875; d. Jan. 11, 1877.
III. MABEL, b. Nov. 18, 1877.
IV. CLAYTON,[8] b. Apl. 11, 1881.
V. ELMER WILLIAMSON,[8] b. July 27, 1886.

WILLIAM THOMAS,[8] son of Phineas,[7] mar. Oct. 13, 1858, *Luca A. Barnes*, and d. Aug. 24, 1872. *They had child:*

I. PHINEAS,[9] b. June 13, 1859; mar. Nov. 5, 1885, *Florence Mary Bristol* of N.Y. City, and had children: **1.** ELLIE PICKETT, b. Sept. 2, 1886. **2.** PHINEAS,[10] b. Jan. 14, 1889. **3.** FREDERICK BARNES, b. Sept. 6, 1890; d. Jan. 23, 1896. **4.** MERRITT BRISTOL,[10] b. Apl. 4, 1893.

CHAPTER IX.

MISCELLANEOUS. — EARLY EMIGRANTS WHOSE POSTERITY HAS NEVER BEEN SATISFACTORILY TRACED. — MEMBERS OF LATER FAMILIES WHOSE IDENTITY HAS NOT BEEN PROVED. — RECENT ARRIVALS AND THEIR FAMILIES. — INFORMATION RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR PRECEDING CHAPTERS, A.D. 1416–1897.

Among the Rectors of Norfolk County, Eng., I find at Salthouse, in **1416**, *Nicholas Kent* by John Cornwalleys and John Torell, Esq.

YORKSHIRE FINES: **1555**, Michaelmas Term, 2 and 3 Philip and Mary. Plaintiffs, *Henry Kent*. Deforciants, Christopher Reyñ. Nature and situation of property, 2 messuages and a cottage with lands in Hertyshed.

1561, Easter Term, 3 Elizabeth. Plaintiffs, Edward Cordyngley. Deforciants, *William Kent*. Nature and situation of property, 2 messuages with lands in Northbirill.

THE PARISH REGISTER OF KENSINGTON Co., *Middlesex*, 1539 to 1675. **1568**, Marriages:

Oct. 9. William Gardiner and *Elizabeth Kente*. P. 107. Burials, 1624: A bastard of Alce Tayler & of *William Kent*, as she reporteth.

INSCRIPTIONS in the chancel of the church at Rotherham:

John Kent Gent: late of Kimberworth died August ye 17th 1754 aged 63 Here lyeth the body of *Thomas* son of *William Kent* of Kimberworth. who was burried ye 4th day of February Anno. D^nl^ 1694 aged 7 years and 6 months Here also lyeth the body of *Elizabeth*, daughter of *William Kent* of Kimberworth who was buried 30th of January A^o^ D^nl^ 1707 aged 13 years 10 months Here also Was interred the body of *William Kent* of Kimberworth *Gent.* who departed this life upon the 14th day of November Annoq Dom. 1717 aged 69 years 2 months. Martha, Wife of *M^r^. W. Kent* of Kimberworth departed this life April 17th 1753 aged 47

THE VISITATIONS OF CORNWALL.

There are remains of an ancient chapel at Mola. *Nicholas Kent* of Mangoofe by his will, bearing date 1688, gave for the

term of 499 years a dwelling house, divided into four tenements, and a garden for poor widows of this parish, and charged his lands of Mingoofe and Tereardrene with the repairs of the house, but it does not appear that it was endowed.

YORKSHIRE RECORDS. Wills in York Registry, proved year 1641–2. Bundle for May: Testators Name. Residence & occupation *Kente*. Martha. Leeds, Widow of *Robert Kente* Date of will —— 9. 1640. Proved year 1644–5. Bundle for September: Testators Name. Residence and occupation *Kent Robert*. Kimberworth, husbandman Date of Will, August 10. 1643. Proved year 1649–50. Bundle for February: Testators Name, Residence and occupation *Kent*, *Rob.*, Jo and Susan. childn. of Rob. K. of Hedingley, dec. Date of Will (Tui Bond)

LIST OF EMIGRANTS TO AMERICA 1600 to 1700 (*Barbadoes*).

A List of Seaventy two Rebells by his Ma^tyes Mercy granted to Gerome Nepho to bee transported to this Island by the Betty James May master received by *Charls Thomas* and John Penne, by order of George Penne Esq being the order of Jerom Nephio Masters. Thomas Prothers Rebells *Peter Kent*. Certificate of disposal dated 2 Feby 1685

The Sale of Sixty seven Rebells delived by Capt. Charls. Gardner Commander of the Jamaica Merchant to *Charls Thomas* and Thomas Sadler for acco^t of Messrs John Palmer John Richardson Samuel Young and William Rose the 12th day March 1685 Masters William Alemby. Rebells *Edward Kent*

CHRISTOPHER KENT[1] of Ashwicken, Co. Norfolk, England, d. **1565.** He mar. *Agnes* . . . , and had chil.: *Christopher*.[2] *Helyn*. *Elizabeth*.

CHRISTOPHER[2] of Grimston, Norfolk, son of Christopher,[1] mar. Dorothia . . . , and d. 1613, leaving chil.: *John*.[3] *Anne*. *Christopher*.[3] *Edmund*.[3]

Christopher[3] of Chippenham, Cambridgeshire, son of Chris.,[2] Chris.,[1] mar. Margaret . . . , and d. 1621, leaving chil.: *John*,[4] b. 1596. *Elizabeth*, mar. . . . Mason. *Matthew*,[4] b. 1598. A dau., who mar. Hy Casseris. *Christopher*,[4] b. 1600. *William*,[4] b. 1603.

JOHN[4] of Chippenham, son of Chris.,[3] Chris.,[2] mar. Susan . . . , and had chil.: *John*,[5] b. 1623. *Christopher*,[5] b. 1624. *Susan*, b. 1627.

CHRISTOPHER[4] of Chippenham, son of Chris.,[3] Chris.,[2] mar. Margaret . . . , and d. 1669, leaving chil.: *John*,[5] b. 1630. *Christopher*,[5] b. 1633. *Robert*.[5] *Lawrence*.[5] *Thomas*.[5] *Anne*, b. 1640. *Mary*.

CHRISTOPHER[5] of Soham, Cambridgeshire, son of John,[4] Chris.,[3] mar. *Eliz. Jackson*. and d. 1685, leaving chil.: *Katherine*, b. 1647; mar. Edw. Christmes. *Susan*, d. 1661. A dau., who mar. John Person, and had son John. *John*,[6] b. 1666. *Joseph*,[6] b. 1668.

CHRISTOPHER,[5] son of Chris.,[4] Chris.,[3] mar. Mary . . . , and died 1685, leaving chil.: *Margaret*. *John*, d. 1657. *Anne*, d. 1661. *Elizabeth*.

ROBERT,[5] son of Chris.,[4] Chris.,[3] mar. Susannah . . . , and had chil.: *Sarah*, b. 1672. *Mary*, b. 1675. *Thomas*,[6] b. 1679. *Robert*,[6] b. 1682. *Christopher*.[6]

LAWRENCE,[5] son of Chris.,[4] Chris.,[3] mar. Sarah . . . , and had chil.: *Christopher*,[6] b. 1667. *Lawrence*,[6] b. 1669. *John*, b. 1671.

JOHN[6] of Soham, son of Chris.,[5] John,[4] Chris.,[3] mar. Anne Crow, and d. 1723, leaving chil.: *John*,[7] b. 1691. *Anne*. *Penelope*, mar. Benj. Mush. *Robert*,[7] b. 1695. *Elizabeth*. *Philippa*. *Christopher*,[7] b. 1705; d. 1785. *Joseph*, b. 1712; d. young. *Frances*. *Mary*.

JOSEPH[6] of Isleham, Camb., son of Chris.,[5] John,[4] Chris.,[3] mar. Sarah . . . , and had chil.: *Joseph*[7] of Isleham, b. 1697; d. 1773. *Sarah*, b. 1699. *Catherine*, b. 1700.

JOHN[7] of Soham, son of John,[6] Chris.,[5] John,[4] mar. Eliz. Medcalf, who d. 1751. He. d. 1757, and had chil.: *John*,[8] b. 1714, mar. Jane . . . , and d. 1772 without issue. *Andrew*,[8] b. 1715; d. 1739 without issue. *Christopher*, b. 1717; d. young. *Elizabeth*. *Robert*,[8] b. 1722, of Soham; mar. Anne Mayes, who d. 1751. He d. 1794, and had child: *Anne*, b. 1757, who mar. John Martin.

ROBERT[7] of Soham, son of John,[6] Chris.,[5] John,[4] mar. Eliz. Blowers, and d. 1760, leaving chil.: *Robert*,[8] b. 1733. *John*, b. 1734; d. young. *Mary*, b. 1735; d. young.

ROBERT[8] of Soham, son of Robert,[7] John,[6] Chris.,[5] John,[4] mar. Mary Peachey, who. d. 1810. He d. 1806, leaving chil.: *Charles*, b. 1764; d. 1776. *Charlotte*, b. 1765; mar. Francis Moore; d. 1848 without issue. *Arthur*,[9] b. 1768; a Capt. in Cambridgeshire Militia; d. 1833 unmarried. *Robert*, d. young. *John*,[9] b. 1782.

JOHN[9] of Soham and Killarney, son of Robert,[8] Robt.,[7] John,[6] Chris.,[5] mar. Catharine Ingram, b. 1787 and d. 1869. He d. 1849, leaving chil.: *John Robert*,[10] b. 1815; mar. Eliz. Cotter, and d. 1876 without issue. *William Henry*,[10] b. 1818. *Catherine*, b. 1820; d. 1862. *Mary*, b. 1822. *Eleanour Fenton*, b. 1823; d. 1880.

WILLIAM HENRY[10] of Ballyvowney, Ire., son of John,[9] Robt.,[8] Robt.,[7] was an M.D. of Edinburgh, and mar. Frances Anne Giddy. He d. 1877, and left chil.: 1. *William Osman*,[11] b. 1863. 2. *Ethel Ann*, b. 1864. 3. *Frances Mary*, b. 1866. 4. *Charles Arthur*,[11] b. 1867; an M.D., living in London. 5. *Kathleen Anna Edna*, b. 1872. 6. *Alice Emily*, b. 1875. 7. *Grace Amy*, b. 1876.

WILLIAM OSMAN[11] of Brooklyn, N.Y., son of Wm. Henry,[10] John,[9] Robt.,[8] mar. Rose Witten, and had chil.: 1. *Rose Frances Edith*, b. 1887. 2. *Ethel Mary Violet*, b. 1890.

WILLIAM KENT was an early emigrant to New England, who prob. left no issue. He was an innkeeper, and his widow kept his tavern until her decease. He was Ensign of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. in 1673, being admitted **1667.** One other of this name was a member in 1822, *Col. Henry S. Kent*, who succeeded Col. Stewart. Ensign William did good service throughout King Philip's war. In 1662 he mar. *Mary*, the widow of John *Mears*, and dau. of a sister of Thomas Dinsdale. There was a Mary Meares, wife of Samuel Meares, residing in Boston 1674; and a Hannah Meares, wife of Sam'l Meares, Innholder of Boston, 1708. Ensign William

must have mar. a 2d time, as at his death he left a widow *Hannah.*

ATT A GENERALL COURT of Election, held at Boston 23d of May 1666 In answer to the petition of *William Kent*, humbly desiring this Courts favor to graunt him license to keepe a cooks shop in Boston, to *wch trade* he served an *apprentiship* in *England*. the Court judgeth it meete to referr him to the County Court at Boston, wth. power to mittigate his fine as to them shall seeme meete.

KING PHILIP'S WAR.

Troopers belonging to Capten Davise Troope 1675 *William Kent* et al.

The names of the Troopers prest out of the troope in the County of Suffolke & returned this 3d. of December. 1675 Vizt *William Kent* & 16 others

Wm. Davis Capt

A list of the names of ye Soulders Returned as Impressed for ye Service of the *Country out of Esser from Gloucester* *Thomas Kent*

SOLDIERS IN KING PHILIP'S WAR.

On December 27 (1675) he (Capt. Prentice) rode into Pomham's county (now Warwick, R.I.) and destroyed many wigwams of an Indian Village, but found no Indians, on January 21. he was again Scouting, and met a party of *Indians*, of whom *two were captured* and *nine killed*. On the 27th the army started in pursuit of the enemy, and after several days' marching returned to Boston, and the Massachusetts men were dismissed, for the time, to their homes. The following is a list of credits for this campaign. Appended is a list of the same, as returned from the various local companies for this service. Copied from Mass. Archives, vol. 68, showing the localities from which they came March 24th 1675-6 William Kent 04 10 00 Troopers belonging to Captin Davis *William Kent*

Soldiers credited under Capt. Thomas Brattle, Dec. 20th, 1675: *William Kent*, 00.10.00. August 24, 1676, *William Kent*, 02.11.00.

William Kent appears in a list of names of Troopers belonging to Capten Savige, 167—

Att the Second Sessions of the Gennerall Court. 7th October 1678 It is ordered, that the Treasurer dischardg the bill of Mr Wm *Kent* given in by him 9th instant October, in mony, fower pounds.

VALUATION OF BOSTON, *1687.*

William Kent Heads 2, Houseings & Wharf 10. Trades & Estates 10	£ " 5. "
Widdow Tomas Houseing & Wharf 12	" 1 "
George Briggs Heads 1. Houseing Mills & Wharf 4	" 2 "
George Thomas Heads 2 Houseing Mills & Wharf 4.	" 3-8
John Briggs Heads 1 Houseing Mills & Wharf 4	" 2 "

County Rates. *1688*

William Kint	0.1-10½
Widdow Thomas	0.0. 3
George Tommas	0-0-11
John Brigg	0.1-6

COPP'S HILL EPITAPHS.

Here lyeth buried ye Body of *William Kent* Aged 57 years decd. June ye 9 1691

1693. THE SLAUGHTERING OF ANIMALS about the Town having been Complained of as a nuisance "the Selectmen" &c. &c. "*Salutation Tavern*," &c.

Footnote to above: It was in Ship Street at the corner of Salutation Alley. It was standing long after this. June 26th the following named persons were appointed Innholders . . . *Hannah Kent* et al.

In 1702 *Hannah Kent*, ALIAS MARSH, relict of *Wm. Kent*, late of Boston, deceased, leases for 30 years land to Thos. Walker et al., "northerly end of Boston near Halcey's Wharf," paying therefor "*one Indian corn upon each 1st day of May yearly.*" They agree to erect a good brick tenement with shops; also land in "Southerly end of the town of Boston, Easterly side of highway leading to Roxbury;" also other land. This lease was discharged 1733.

ANNO 1714. The Names of the Inholders or Taverners and of the Retailers without Doors in Boston vizt. Inholders. *Hannah Kent.*

FROM SUFFOLK PROBATE WILLS, dated 23d January, 1724-5. Probated 22d March, 1724: *Hannah Kent* of Boston in the County of Suffolk in New England *Widow* &c &c. My body I Commit to the Earth, to be decently burried at the discretion of my Executor (*Excepting that I appoint no gold Rings to be given at it*) Item I give & bequeath to my *Grandson Dean Glover of Boston* aforesaid Blockmaker during his natural life, and after his Decease if his wife Survives him, to her during her remaining his Widow: the use & Improvement of all these my Houses & Land wherein they & M^r. Barnsdale Dwells & Improves. and after their Decease I give devise & bequeath the Same to *my great Grand Children Dean & Hannah Glover Son* and *Daughter* of my said *Grand Children Dean Glover and Martha Glover* aforesaid and to their heirs Admin^rs & assigns for ever -- Item -- I give & bequeath to my *Grandson John Glover* of *Tulling point* Farmer during his natural life the use & Improvement of my House and Land at the South End of the Town of Boston aforesaid and the piece of Land belonging to me Scituate in Captain John Greenoughs Yard in Boston aforesaid. and after his Decease I give devise and bequeath the same thus Viz^t. The House & Land I give to my *Great Grand Daughter Mary Glover* Daughter of my *Grand Child John Glover* aforesaid and her heirs & assigns forever, and the piece of Land to my Great Grand Son John Glover. Son to John Glover aforesaid and to his heirs and assigns forever — Item — I give and bequeath to *Great Grand Daughter Hannah Glover* aforesaid my *great Silver Punch Bowl* and my silk Petty coat wrought with with *Silver* and *gold thread* and Laced and my Bed & Bedding which I leave in my Chamber with all the Chambers Furniture not before Divided to either of my Grand Children and to her heirs & assigns forever. Item. I give and bequeath to my Great Grand Daughter Mary Glover aforesaid my great *Silver Tankard* and to her heirs & assigns forever — Item — all the rest of my estate which Consists in money. wearing Clothes Plate and Books I give and bequeath equally between my two Grandsons Dean Glover & John Glover and to their heirs forever — I Constitute and appoint my Friend M^r. Owen Harris of Boston aforesaid Mathematick School master the only and sole executor.

There was one Rachel Marsh, dau. of Alex. Marsh, who d. prior to 1705, mar. Nath'l Glover.

OLIVER KENT, evidently an emigrant, appears in N.H. prior to 1650, as indicated by the following records:

Dover N.H. George Webb. Back River lot 6 in 1642. Taxed 1648 and his "house and land" 1650. George Smith administered on his estate in 1651 and conveyed to *Oliver Kent* premises at Back River

From earliest extant tax-list giving the names of all tax-payers in 1648, Dover — The Towne Rate Made the 19th 10mo [16]48. *Oliver Kent* Rated £0070 s10 d00 and to pay 4d P lb is £0001. s00. d10

Oliver Kent d. about 1670, leaving widow Dorothy.

THE CLAPP FAMILY IN AMERICA contains the following about Rachel, dau. of David Kent (see Chapter I.): Perkins,[6] b. Oct. 3, 1779; d. Dec. 21, 1811. He m. Dec. 17, 1802, *Rachel Kent.* Children: i. Joseph, b. Oct. 5, 1804; m.

Jan. 13, 1828, Lucy, dau. of Allen Clapp, and lived in Scituate. They have two daughters, Lucy F., b. March 30, 1829; d. Sept. 21, 1861; and Ellen M., b. March 6, 1832; m. July 2, 1854, John F. Otis. ii. Rachel, b. Feb. 17, 1807; m. Dec. 21, 1827, Seth Gardner; d. July 8, 1870. iii. Perkins, b. Feb. 11, 1809; lost at sea about Aug., 1830. iv. Thomas, b. April 22, 1812; m. April 8, 1830, Ursula C. Drake of Pembroke. Children: (1) Perkins (dead). (2) Francis (dead). (3) Ida W., m. and now living. (4) Uranie (dead).

The following, found in the Revolutionary Records, probably also belong in Chapter I.:

Abner Kent appears with rank of *Private* on A Pay abstract of Capt. Zachariah Fitche's Co., Col. Samuel Brewer's Regt., for service from Aug. 23 to Sept. 30, 1776, 1 month 9 days.

Abner Kent appears with rank of Private on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. (Lieut.) John Flint's Co., Col. Thomas Poor's Regt. Time of enlistment June 20, 1778. Time of discharge Jan. 29, 1779. Time of service 7 mos. 21 days. Raised to fortify North River, N.Y., by Resolve of April 20, 1778.

Abner Kent appears with rank of Private on Pay Roll of Capt. (Lieut.) John Flint's Co., Col. Thomas Poor's Regt., for service from Nov. 30, 1778, to Jan. 1, 1779. Time of service 1 month.

Abner Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Pay Roll of Capt. (late) Asa Lawrence's Co., Col. Thomas Poor's Regt., dated West Point, Nov. 14, 1778, for service from Aug. 31, 1778, to Oct. 1, 1778. Time of service 1 month.

Abner Kent appears with rank of Private on Pay Roll of Capt. (Lieut.) John Flint's Co., Col. Thomas Poor's Regt., dated West Point, Dec. 16, 1778, for service from Nov. 1, 1778, to Dec. 1, 1778. Time of service 1 month.

Abner Kent appears with rank of Private on Pay Roll of Capt. Asa Lawrence's Co., Col. Thomas Poor's Regt., dated Fort Clinton, Oct. 12, 1778, for service from July 31, 1778, to Sept. 1, 1778. Time of service 1 month.

Abner Kent appears with rank of Private on Pay Roll of Capt. Asa Laurence's Co., Col. Thomas Poor's Regt., dated Fort Clinton, Oct. 12, 1778. Time of service 1 mo. 11 days. Date of service not given — performed previous to Aug. 1, 1778.

Abner Kent appears among A List of Men belonging to Capt. Asa Lawrence's Co., in Col. Poor's Regt., as Private. Said list is sworn to by Wm. Adams and Joseph Dowse as being an original roll of Capt. Asa Lawrence's Co. Service covered was during 1778–79, 8 or 9 months' term at and about White Plains.

Smith Kent appears as *master* of brigantine "*Hawk*," Jon. Oakes. Boston, Nov. 2, 1776.

Naval Service — Privateers, etc. *Smith Kent* appears with grade of *2d Lieut.* on Muster and Pay Roll, dated Sept. 20, 1782, of the Officers and Crew of the Brigantine "Hawke," Commanded by Jonathan Oakes, — "no description given." Service from May 3 to June 3, 1777, in fleet under Commodore John Manley. "Residence not given."

Smith Kent appears with grade of *1st Lieut.* on Muster and Pay Roll of the officers and crew of the brigt. "Massachusetts." Time of enlistment, Nov. 27, 1777. "Time of discharge and Service not given."

Smith Kent appears with grade of *Lieutenant* on a warrant to pay Officers and Crew of the Brigantine "*Hawk*," Capt. Jonathan Oaks, borne on a roll bearing date Nov. 2, 1782.

The following prob. belongs to the descendants of Joseph Kent:

Robert Kent in the Revolutionary Records appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Caleb Turner's Co., Col. . . . Regt. Time of en-

listment July 13, 1775. Time of discharge Dec. 31, 1775. Time of service 6 months 3 days. Roll of Bristol.

Robert Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Caleb Turner's Co., Col. . . . Regt. Time of enlistment March 26, 1776. Time of discharge June 10, 1776. Time of service 2 months 15 days. Roll dated *Bristol.*

Robert Kent appears with rank of Private on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Caleb Turner's Co., Col. . . . Regt. Time of service 3 months; date not given. Service between June 10 and Sept. 10, 1776.

Of material arriving too late were the descendants of Thomas of Gloucester, through John [2] and Abigail Dudley Kent, Elisha and Abigail Moss Kent, and Moss and Hannah Rogers Kent, who had a dau. Hannah (see descendants of Thomas [1] of Gloucester):

HANNAH, who was totally blind for 25 years, mar. Oct. 11, 1790, Wm. Pitt Platt of Plattsburg, N.Y.; b. Apl. 30, 1771; d. Aug. 12, 1835, and had chil.: **1.** James Kent, b. Feb. 11, 1792, a physician; mar. *Eliza Henshaw* of Middlebury, Vt.; d. Apl. 24, 1896. **2.** Zephaniah, b. Aug. 4, 1794; d. June 10, 1862; mar. *Lucretia Miller*, b. Apl. 25, 1800; d. May 29, 1873, and had chil.: *1. Elizabeth*, d. young. *2. Mary L.*, b. July 5, 1835; mar. twice, and d. Mch. 9, 1880, without issue. **3.** Mary, b. July 15, 1796; d. Apl. 8, 1869; mar. Dec. 30, 1813, Benj. Mooers, and had large family. **4.** Elizabeth, d. Mch. 21, 1842, aged 36; mar. May 29, 1824, Henry Ketcham Averill, b. Peru, N.Y., Apl. 21, 1798. He mar. again, and d. Mch. 26, 1881. Chil.: *1. James*, b. Mch. 10, 1825; mar. Jennette I. Evans, and had chil.: 1. Susan, mar. Judge S. A. Kellogg of N.Y. Supreme Court, and has 4 chil.: Ralph, Harry, George C., and Augusta. Ralph and Augusta both mar.; no issue. 2. Jennette, mar. Royal Corbin, and has son John. 3. Mary, mar. Henry Hoyle, and has son Henry. 4. James, unmarried. *2. Henry K., Jr.*, b. Mch. 26, 1830, at Plattsburgh, N.Y.; mar. Jan. 19, 1854, *Almira Elizabeth*, dau. Hunting and Maria Parsons *Miller*, all of Plattsburgh, and has chil.: 1. Frank Lloyd, who mar. 1st, Edith May Parsons of E. Hampton; 2d, Juliet Adele Henry of Washington; by her has child, b. Nov., 1897. 2. Maria E., b. Plattsburgh May 17, 1865; mar. Oct. 8, 1887, Chas. S. Dayton of E. Hampton, and has child: Grace Platt, b. Aug. 21, 1888. *3. Mary Elizabeth*, widow of P. E. Burch, and has chil.: 1. Martha L., widow of S. L. Wolff, and has child: Marjorie. 2. Mary, widow of S. M. McConnell; no issue. 3. Jennette, unmarried. **5.** Moss Kent, who mar. Elizabeth Freligh.

The following is evidently one of the original emigrants who d. without issue:

MCH YE 23D 1692–3 The Select men of Ipswich have mett & Layd out the Severall parcels of Ground by ye Riuer Side between Samuel Ordways Shop & ye Towne bridge which was granted by ye Towne to those persons whose names are under written, beginning at ye bridg & So by ye Riuer side to ye high way goeing over ye Riuer 5 *Cornelius Kent* 18 ft. Thos. Knowlton bo't *Cornelius Kents* then sold it to Nathaniel ffuller.

JONATHAN, who appears in the Revolutionary Rolls as below, is probably of the Newburyport families:

Jonathan Kent appears in A Receipt for Advance Pay given by Company, dated *Cambridge*, July 1, 1775, payable to himself. Pay due on account of services in Capt. Benj. Kimball's Co., Col. Mansfield's Regt. Not an autograph sig.

Jonathan Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster Roll of Capt. Kimball's Co., Col. Mansfield's Regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775. Time of enlistment June 2, 1775. Time of service 2 months 4 days. He belonged to *Beverly*.

Jonathan Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Company Return of Capt. Kimball's Co., Col. Mansfield's Regt., dated Winter Hill, Oct. 6, 1775. He belonged to *Beverly*.

Jonathan Kent appears among signatures to an order for *Bounty Coat*, or its equivalent in money due for the eight months' service in 1775, in Capt. Benjamin Kimball's Co., Col. Israel Hutchinson's (19th) Regt., dated Winter Hill, Dec. 30, 1775. Payable to Capt. Kimball. Not an autograph signature. Signed his mark.

John Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Continental Army Pay Accounts of Capt. Sumner's Co., Col. Graton's Regt., for service from Jan. 18, 1777, to Dec. 9, 1777. Credited to town of *Beverly*. "Residence not given." Reported deserted. Given also Jonathan.

John Kent appears with rank of Private on Continental Army Pay Accounts of Capt. Woodbridge's Co., Col. Smith's Regt., for service from Feb. 10, 1777, to June 1, 1778. Residence "not given." Reported *died June 1, 1778*.

Jonathan Kent, probably not the above, but of Thos. of Glou. family, appears in A Descriptive List of Men raised to reenforce the Continental Army for the term of six months, agreeable to resolve of June 5, 1780, *aged 19 years. Stature, 6 ft. ⅛ in ; complexion, dark ; residence, Leverett ;* arrived at Springfield July 7, 1780; 7th division; marched to camp July 7, 1780 under command of Capt. Dix.

The following family, whose representatives now reside in Denver, Col., descended from one of the Newburyport branches:

ABEL,[1] mar. S. Lancaster and moved from Newburyport, Mass., to Lyme, N.H. *They had children:*

I. ABEL,[2] b. Sept. 24, 1779.
II. STEPHEN,[2] b. . . . ; mar. Betsey Hasilton, Oxford, N.H.
III. MOSES,[2] b. . . . ; mar. Mary Stark, Lyme, N.H.
IV. POLLY, b. . . . ; mar. Lyman Converse, Lyme, N.H.
V. SALLY, b. . . . ; mar. Isaac Porter, Cornish, N.H.

ABEL,[2] son of Abel,[1] mar. at Lyme *Joanna Shaw*, b. Apl. 3, 1789, d. Nov. 4, 1856. He d. Jan. 21, 1857. *They had children:*

I. ARAD,[3] b. Mch. 24, 1806, at Lyme.
II. ALMIRA, b. Jan. 23, 1808.
III. JOANNA SHAW, b. Aug. 24, 1810.
IV. JOHN SHAW,[3] b. Apl. 17, 1813.
V. SARAH ANN, b. Feb. 7, 1818.
VI. DAVID EDSON,[3] b. July 11, 1821 ; d. June 13, 1822.
VII. NEWTON EDSON,[3] b. Nov. 10, 1823.

ARAD,[3] son of Abel,[2] mar. at New Lisbon, O., Jan. 31, 1843, *Martha Clapsadle*, b. New Lisbon May 10, 1822, d. Apl. 18, 1876. He June 23, 1879. *They had children*, b. Akron, O.:

I. Helen Lucretia, b. Nov. 12, 1843.
II. Newton Edson,[4] b. July 7, 1845.
III. Edwin Arad,[4] b. Sept. 7, 1848.

EDWIN ARAD,[4] of Denver, Col., son of Arad,[3] mar. Oct. 14, 1874, at Cleveland, O., *Harriet Marshall*, b. Feb. 8, 1850. They had children:

I. Edwin Marshall,[5] b. Oct. 6, 1875, Akron, O.
II. Roy Stanley,[5] b. Dec. 30, 1878, Cleveland.

The following Revolutionary soldier was probably Abel[1] of this family:

Able Kent, rank of *Private* on Company Return of Capt. Perkins' Co., Col. Little's Regt., (date not given, probably October return). He *belonged to Newburyport. Age given, 20* yrs. Reported enlisted, May 9, 1775.

Abel Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster Roll of Capt. Benj. Perkins' Co., Col. Moses Little's Regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775. Time of enlistment May 9, 1775. Time of service 12 weeks. *He belonged to Newbury.*

Abel Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Amariah Babbitt's Co., Col. Benjamin Simons' Regt. Time of enlistment Aug. 14, 1777. Time of discharge Aug. 19, 1777. Time of service 6 days. *He belonged to New Ashford*, Berkshire Co. Regt. Marched to Meloomscuyck, near Bennington.

Abel Kent appears with rank of *Private* on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Amariah Babbit's Co., Col. Benjamin Simonds' Regt. Time of enlistment Oct. 14, 1780. Time of service 5 days. Marched on an alarm.

Mass. Muster and Pay Rolls.

. . . *Kent* appears among A List of Men as *Master* of sloop "*Dolphin*," employed on Penobscot Expedition. Entered July 5, 1779. . . . First name not given.

Able Kent appears with rank of Private on A Return of Capt. Benjamin Perkins' Co., Col. Gerrish's Regt., in service for 1775.

In Sea Coast Defence Muster Rolls *Francis Kent*, whom I have been unable to trace, appears with rank of Private on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Benjamin Plumer's Co., Col. William Jones' Regt. Time of enlistment July 6, 1779. Time of discharge Sept. 24, 1779. Time of service 2 mos. 18 days. Service at Majorbagaduce under Col. Samuel McCobb.

In the Naval Service *Thomas Kent*, who I think belongs in Chapter I. and of Marshfield, appears with grade of *Carpenter* on Muster and Pay Roll of the Officers and Crew of the ship "*Mars*," commanded by Capt. Simeon Sampson. Time of enlistment July 8, 1780. Time of discharge March 12, 1781. Time of service 8 months 4 days.

JOHN KENT,[1] who was of the Newburyport or the Gloucester family, moved to Durham, Strafford Co., N.H., where he died when his son John[2] was an infant. *He had two children:*

I. NANCY, b. . . . ; mar. Maj. William Cutts of Kittery, Me., whose son William d. in Exeter, N.H., 1880.
II. JOHN,[2] b. . . . , 1771.

JOHN,[2] son of John,[1] mar. *Temperance*, dau. of Capt. Robt. *Lapish*, a shipbuilder of Durham, formerly of Great Island, now Newcastle. John[2] moved from Rochester, N.H., to So. Berwick, Me., and thence to Somersworth, N.H. While making the passage from Portsmouth to So. Berwick the packet was capsized in a squall near "Boiling Rock," Piscataqua river, Apl. 16, 1816, and he was drowned, aged 45. *He had children*, b. in Rochester:

I. MEHITABLE, b. . . .
II. TEMPERANCE, b. Jan. 16, 1796; d. Feb. 12, 1873.
III. NANCY, b. Aug. 1, 1798; mar. in 1823 George Hobbs, b. at Berwick, Me., 1800; d. No. Berwick May 28, 1828, where also she d. Feb. 27, 1891. *They had one child: Nathaniel*, b. No. Berwick Sept. 10, 1824; mar. Feb. 5, 1861, Ellen Frances Eastman, b. York Feb. 5, 1840. No issue; both living No. Berwick 1897.
IV. JOHN,[3] b. Oct. 13, 1799.
V. KINSMAN, b. . . .

JOHN,[3] son of John,[2] moved to Barnstead, N.H., in 1823. On Dec. 13, 182–, he mar. *Ruhamah*, dau. of Asa and Ruhamah Choate *Dearborn* of Portsmouth, b. Mch. 25, 1805, at Rochester. She d. July 13, 1887, at Portsmouth. He d. Sept. 23, 1843. *They had one child:*

I. JOHN HORACE,[4] b. Oct. 10, 1826, at Barnstead; went to New Bedford, Mass., and in 1845 to N.Y. City. In Oct., 1849, he arrived at San Francisco, where, in June, 1851, he became a member of the first "Committee of Vigilance." On a trip East he mar. Dec. 22, 1852, *Adaline*, dau. of Bethuel and Sophia *Penniman* of New Bedford, Mass. He returned East for good in 1860, and d. Mch. 14, 1888, at Concord, N.H. *He had 2 sons:* 1. JOHN HORACE,[5] b. Sept. 25, 1853, at New Bedford; d. Feb. 16, 1857, at San Francisco. 2. HORACE PENNIMAN,[5] b. Feb. 2, 1857, at San Francisco; mar. 1st, Ellen E. Ackerman Oct. 19, 1880, of Portsmouth; d. Aug. 20, 1888, at Montreal, Can.; 2d, Jan. 18, 1893, Clara Richards Merritt of No. Attleboro, by whom he has one child: *Madeline*, b. Mch. 25, 1894, at No. Attleboro, Mass.

HORACE KENT,[1] b. Aug. 2, 1820; mar. Sept. 10, 1845, *Lydia A. Simmons*, and d. Aug. 17, 1896. *They had children:*

I. WALTER S.,[2] b. Nov. 15, 1848; mar. Oct. 23, 1877, *Isabell Beebe*, and had 4 chil.: **1.** FLORA M., b. July 15, 1880. **2.** CLARA L., b. Dec. 8, 1884. **3.** LEILA B., b. May 18, 1891. **4.** ERVIN R.,[3] b. Sept. 30, 1892.

II. MARY C., b. Apl. 9, 1851; mar. Sept. 10, 1897, E. G. Flint.

III. LEWIS E.,[2] b. Aug. 17, 1857; of Poway, San Diego Co., California, in 1897; mar. Aug. 14, 1890, *Effie A. Avery*, and has 3 chil.: **1.** WILLIAM A.,[3] b. July 3, 1891. **2.** FRED L.,[3] b. Sept. 6, 1895. **3.** JOHN D.,[3] b. Aug. 7, 1897.

IV. PERLEY E.,[2] b. July 1, 1859; mar. Sept. 7, 1888, *Florence S. Flint*; has 2 chil.: **1.** CHARLES H.,[3] b. Apl. 25, 1889. **2.** ALICE M., b. Feb. 21, 1891.

REUBEN KENT[1] of Chatham, Mass., mar. May 25, 1808, *Rebecca Nickerson*, and had children:

I. MERCIE, b. Sept. 3, 1811.

II. REBECCA, b. Mch. 28, 1813.

III. EDWARD,[2] b. Mch. 13, 1820.

EDWARD KENT, JR.[1] of Chatham, Mass., mar. March 21, 1811, *Esther Nickerson*, and they had children:

I. ENOS,[2] b. Jany. 5, 1814; mar. Dec. 25, 1834, *Rebecca Snow*. He d. Sept. 8, 1875. She d. March 6, 1897. They had 4 children: **1.** REBECCA H., b. Aug. 3, 1836; deceased. **2.** REBECCA H., b. June 1, 1840. **3.** ENOS E.,[3] b. March 4, 1843. **4.** CYRUS S.,[3] b. Jany. 14, 1846.

II. ESTHER, b. Sept. 14, 1815; mar. Dec. 12, 1839, Sabine Nickerson.

III. EDWARD,[2] b. June 15, 1823.

IV. GEORGE N.,[2] b. March 1, 1825; mar. Clara E. . . . , and had child, b. Dec. 26, 1852; mar. Augustus M. Bearse.

V. MERCY G., b. March 7, 1827; mar. Apl. 28, 1850, Sparrow Snow, Jr., who was lost at sea soon after.

VI. STILLMAN[2] (2nd wife Naomi), b. Dec. 29, 1828.

VII. REUBEN R.,[2] b. Dec. 8, 1828. Lost at sea Jan. 8, 1857.

DAVID[1] and Elizabeth Kent had children, b. Chatham:

I. MARY, b. Feb. 9, 1812; mar. Joseph Reed.

II. MYRICK N.,[2] b. Feb. 9, 1816; mar. Elizabeth . . . , and d. Aug. 27, 1897. She d. April 23, 1890. They had 1 child: JAMES H.,[3] b. May 25, 1841; d. Aug. 24, 1896.

III. ELIZABETH, b. July 21, 1820; mar. T. H. Lowlard.

One *Elizabeth Kent* of Newbury mar. Nathan, son of Thos. Hale.

DAVID[1] and Julia A. Kent had children, b. Chatham:

I. AMELIA A., b. Sept. 20, 1848; d. July 19, 1896.

II. JULIAETTA, b. Sept. 25, 1850.

III. DAVID E.,[2] b. Jan. 18, 1853.

IV. REUBEN L.,[2] b. Mch. 12, 1855; d. Feb. 6, 1894.

V. THOMAS W.,[2] b. Nov. 21, 1856.

One *Hannah Kent* d. at Chatham Oct. 30, 1853.

F. H. KENT of Neponset, Mass., writes that four Kent brothers came from England: one, his great-grandfather, was named

WILLIAM,[1] b. . . . , in Eng., and a soldier in the war of 1812. He mar. Betsey Ross, who d. abt. 1847 at Vienna, N.Y., and they had 9 children: **1.** EDWARD,[2] b. Jan. 10, 1810, at Washington, D.C. **2.** JAMES.[2] **3.** ISAAC.[2] **4.** LEWIS.[2] **5.** WILLIAM.[2] **6.** SARAH. **7.** NANCY. **8.** BETSEY. **9.** LUCINDA.

EDWARD,[2] son of Wm.,[1] mar. *Eliz. Luce*, b. June 9, 1810, at Cold Brook, Herkimer Co., N.Y., and they had children:

I. WILLIAM,[3] b. May 24, 1833.

II. ISAAC,[3] b. May 16, 1835.

III. SARAH, b. Aug. 15, 1837.

IV. NANCY, b. Mch. 10, 1839.

V. HORACE,[3] b. Aug. 26, 1841; mar. *Lucy A. Forbes*, b. Apl. 3, 1834, Vienna, N.Y. Chil.: **1.** FRANK H.,[4] b. Jan. 30, 1867. **2.** GEORGE A.,[4] b. Jan. 16, 1874.

VI. MARTHA, b. May 15, 1843.

VII. & VIII. } twins { EDWIN L.,[4] EDWARD B.,[4] } b. Apl. 19, 1845.

IX. HARRIET N., b. Feb. 3, 1848.

X. GEORGE,[4] b. July 14, 1853.

XI. JULIA D., b. Aug. 17, 1855.
XII. ELLA M., b. Oct. 23, 1856.

WILLIAM KENT,[1] b. in Ireland, where he lived and died. He was a devout Methodist, walking 2 miles to church when 80 years old.

Daniel,[2] son of William,[1] went to the U.S. and joined the Quakers. He mar. *Esther Hawley*, and had 7 chil.: *William*.[3] *Ann*. *Joseph*.[3] *Mary*. *Daniel*.[3] *Elizabeth* and *Benjamin*,[3] b. Mch. 23, 1803.

Benjamin,[3] son of Dan'l,[2] Wm.,[1] mar. Dec. 17, 1829, *Hannah Simmons*, b. Feb. 18, 1806. They had chil.:

I. *Rachel S.*, b. Dec. 4, 1830; d. May 28, 1854; unmarried.

II. *Henry S.*,[4] b. Mch. 8, 1833, in Chester Co., Pa.; mar. Mch. 17, 1859, *Patience Webster*, b. Lancaster Co. Feb. 23, 1841, and they have chil.: **1.** WILLIAM W.,[5] b. Feb. 1, 1861; mar. *Sarah D. Bartram* June 5, 1884, who d. May 28, 1892. Chil.: *1.* BARTRAM S.,[6] b. Nov. 28, 1886. *2. Byron H.*,[6] b. Sept. 4, 1889. **2.** GERTRUDE W., b. June 1, 1864; mar. Lewis E. Walton Mch. 25, 1885, and has chil.: *1. Horace K.*, b. Aug. 12, 1886. *2. Henry S.*, b. Aug. 20, 1888. *3. Mary Patience*, b. May 28, 1891. *4. Edith*, b. June 3, 1896.

III. & IV. } twins { *Daniel H.*,[4] *Esther*, } b. Oct. 22, 1835. Esther mar. Robert C. Smedley Apl. 24, 1862, and d. May 5, 1873. Chil.: **1.** *Benj. K.*, b. . . . ; mar. Mary Bartram Apl. 29, 1886; who d. 1894, leaving 3 chil.: Rowenna, Esther, and Sarah, who d. young. **2.** *G. Howard*. **3.** *Robert*. Daniel H.,[4] mar. *Mary E. Pusey* Oct. 17, 1867, and has chil.: CHAS. I.[5] and *Ellen*.

V. *Annie T.*, b. Aug. 19, 1838; mar. Caleb H. Bradley May 8, 1867, and d. July 26, 1879, without issue.

VI. *B. Lundy*,[4] b. Feb. 20, 1841; mar. *Sarah A. Aitkin* Dec. 30, 1865; who d. July 2, 1878, leaving child *Alice*, who mar. David C. Reid.

VII. *Lindley C.*,[4] b. Mch. 25, 1844; mar. *Anna Grabb* May 16, 1876, and has 2 chil.: ROLAND G.[5] and *Mary*.

VIII. *J. Simmons*,[4] b. Aug. 7, 1847; d. Nov. 18, 1896; mar. *Mary L. Webster* Sept. 21, 1872, and had chil.: *Harriet M.* J. NORCROSS.[5] ARTHUR.[5] *Virginia*. HOMER[5] and RALPH.[5]

WM. KENT[1] mar. *Ann Sullivan*, both of Ballywilliam, Tipperary Co., Ire. They had children:

I. JOHN,[2] b. as above, and he mar. *Mary Moher* of Kilworth, Co. Cork, Ireland. They had child: PATRICK[3] of Clogheen Parish, Tipperary Co., Ire.; mar. . . . , and had son: JOHN SAXTON,[4] b. Brockton, Mass., April 18, 1860, and who mar. in New Orleans, La., Sept. 11, 1889, *Mary Agnes Clark*, b. there Nov. 1, 1863. They had children: *1. Nellie Clark*, b. Jan. 26, 1890. *2. Susie Saxton*, b. June 21, 1892. *3. John Garratt*,[5] b. July 26, 1895.

EDMUND KENT,[1] b. in Tipperary Co., Ire.; mar. *May Langan*. They had, among other children:

I. JOHN,[2] b. June 24, 1804, at Carrick on Luir, Tipperary Co., Ire. JOHN[2] mar. Mary Carroll, b. Kilkenny, Ire., 1811, who d. July 17, 1866. He d. May 31, 1884. They had children:

I. *Mary Ann*, b. . . . ; d.
II. *Edmund*,[3] b. . . . ; d.
III. *Joseph*,[3] b. . . . ; d.

IV. *Maurice J.*,[3] b. Nov. 9, 1844, at Newcastle, Limerick Co., Ire.; mar. at Skaneateles, N.Y., Aug. 15, 1876, *Bridget W. Meagher* (b. Dec. 27, 1849, Skaneateles). They have 2 children, a boy and a girl. Boy d. 1883, aged 4 years 5 mos. M. J. Kent has a claim through a grand-uncle of his to a large sum of money now held by British Government. One of his uncles, when about to establish proof of relationship, died.

WILLIAM,[1] b. in England, and had son:

I. *Albert*,[2] b. . . . ; mar. *Rebecca Allenson* in Odletown, P.Q., Canada, about the time of the McKenzie rebellion. They had children: **1.** *William Albert*.[3] **2.** *Myra Rebecca*. **3.** *David Allenson*,[3] b. in Odletown, P.Q., March 27, 1845. **4.** *Jairus Noel*.[3] **5.** *Idda Belinda Eliza Ann*. **6.** *Maretta Kedelia*. **7.** *Mary Adalaide*. **8.** *Rosenia Matilda*. **9.** *Herbert Edwin*.[3] **10.** *Edgar Robert*.[3]

DAVID A.[3] mar. in Montreal, Dec. 24, 1873, *Josephine Robertson*, b. Lachute, P.Q., June 28, 1855. They had children:

I. *William*,[4] b. May 1, 1875, in Montreal.
II. *Esther Adlaid*, b. April 2, 1877, in Hanover, Bruce Co., Ont.
III. *Alice Alfretta*, b. April 8, 1879, in Oxenden, Grey Co., Ont.
IV. *Norman Douglas*,[4] b. June 2, 1882, " " " "
V. *David Allenson*,[4] b. Dec. 12, 1887, " " " "

JOHN KENT,[1] b. in Colchester or near Bishopstafford, Herts, England, had children, all b. on Coats farm, Ardley, Herts: **1.** *John*,[2] b. . . . **2.** *George*,[2] b. . . . ; d., and has son *James*,[3] now living with his uncle William in Killingly, Conn. **3.** *Arthur*,[2] b. . . . ; a sergeant-major in English army. **4.** *Charles*,[2] b. . . . ; d. **5.** *Sarah*, b. . . . **6.** *Esther*, b. . . . ; d. **7.** *Susan*, b. . . . **8.** *M. Ann*, b. . . . ; d. **9.** *William*,[2] b. . . . ; came to the U.S. about 30 years ago and unmarried; he joined the metropolitan police force as constable at Whitehall, London, Oct. 29, 1859, and resigned Feb. 16, 1867, being allowed a gratuity of £31.17.0., his conduct was so exemplary.

AMBROSE KENT,[1] b. near Louth, England; had son:

I. JOSEPH,[2] b. ditto; mar. Sarah Barnes, b. 1783, and had 7 chil.: *Annie*. *John*.[3] *Sarah*. *Joseph*.[3] *Benjamin*.[3] *Charles*[3] and *Ambrose*.[3]

AMBROSE,[3] son of Joseph,[2] Ambrose,[1] b. Sept. 6, 1818; mar. Jan. 18, 1844, *Harriett Kirk*, b. Dec. 26, 1807, in Lincoln, Eng. They had chil.:

I. AMBROSE,[4] b. Dec. 27, 1844, Lincoln, England.
II. BENJAMIN,[4] b. Nov. 27, 1846, ditto.

AMBROSE,[4] son of Ambrose,[3] Joseph,[2] mar. *Mary Ann Brock* Apl. 10 1868, at Toronto, Canada. She was b. Jan. 19, 1840, near Toronto. They had chil.:

I. WILLIAM GEORGE,[5] b. Apl. 10, 1869.
II. ARTHUR LEWIS,[5] b. Aug. 13, 1872.
III. HARRIETT IDA, b. June 28, 1874.
IV. FREDERICK AMBROSE,[5] b. Aug. 7, 1877.

DANIEL KENT[1] came from England to Kent Co., Maryland, and it is from him the Co. derived its name, as he was one of the first settlers. He built a storehouse at Lower Marlboro, Md., at the close of the Revolution, and was very successful. He d. in 1805, leaving 3 sons and 3 dau.:

I. *Daniel*,[2] b. about 1776.
II. *Joseph*,[2] b. Jan. 14, 1779; mar. . . . Wallace of Prince George's Co., and d. Nov. 24, 1839. He was Gov. of the State and U.S. Senator.

III. *Ann*, b. . . . ; mar. Col. Mordecai Smith.
IV. *Elizabeth*, b. 1792; mar. James G. Mackall, and d. June 19, 1858, aged 66 yrs.
V. *Margaret*, b. . . . ; mar. Richard Hall.
VI. *James*,[2] b. Feb. 22, 1802; mar. a dau. of Dr. Wm. Williams, and d. Dec. 14, 1852.

DANIEL[2] succeeded to the business and storehouse property of his father, and entered into partnership with Col. Jos. Blake. He mar. 1st, . . . *Bond*; and 2d, . . . *Yates* of St. Mary's Co., and d. 1833, leaving chil.:
I. *Jonathan Yates*,[3] b. . . . ; mar. *Elizabeth Blake*, and had chil.: **1.** *Daniel*,[4] who again rented the store and started in business with a partner. **2.** *Thomas B.*,[4] b. . . . **3.** *J. Yates.*,[4] b. . . . **4.** *Elizabeth*, b. . . . **5.** *Joseph Blake*,[4] b. in Calvert Co., Md.; mar. Apl. 30, 1881, *Elizabeth M. Curlett*, b. in Balt., and has child: Elizabeth Curlett, b. Balt.

Robert Kent, son of Daniel, mar. . . . , and had chil.: *1.* . . . , who was wife of Gov. Pratt. *2.* . . . , who was wife of Wm. G. Mackall, brother of James G. Mackall above. *3.* Thomas R., b. . . . It is said that three brothers originally came from England. One went North, one went to Virginia, and one went to Maryland, and they settled in each place.

Historical Magazine (1857): "I have a document which leads me to think that William Deane, John Kent [etc., etc.], emigrated about the year 1735, from Hampshire, Eng., to Chappstank River 'in one of his Magestics Colonies or Plantations in America.' Can any one tell me where Chappstank River is situated? D. (2)."

P. 349: "This probably means the 'Choptank River,' on the eastern shore of Maryland. The name of Kent is not uncommon in that part of the State [etc.].
"Baltimore, Oct. 7. S. F. S."

WILLIAM KENT[1] was b. in England, where he d. at Twyford, Berkshire County, about 1814, a farmer. He mar. *Mary Jones*. He had a brother Thomas at Lambeth, London; also chil.:
I. *Mary*, b. . . . , Twyford.
II. *Edward*,[2] b. . . . , Twyford; went to India in British army.
III. *Elizabeth*, b. . . . , Twyford.
IV. *Frances*, b. . . . , Twyford.
V. *William Jones*,[2] b. Nov. 3, 1812, Twyford; living 1897.

WILLIAM JONES[2] mar. *Louisa G. Volkman*, b. London, England, Apl. 27, 1820; d. Sept. 24, 1896, and had chil.:
I. *Harriet L.*, b. in Northeast, Pa., Apl. 13, 1840; living 1897.
II. *William M.*,[3] b. Aug. 1, 1842, Buffalo, N.Y.
III. *James V.*,[3] b. Crawford Co., Pa., May 10, 1844; d. Dec., 1894.
IV. *Mary Louise*, b. Mch. 26, 1857; d. Sept. 23, 1861.

WILLIAM M.[3] mar. Susan E. Phillips, b. Buffalo, N.Y., 1843, and had chil., all b. Buffalo:
I. *Thomas*,[4] b. Mch. 28, 1870; d. Dec. 8, 1894, at Bida, Soudan, W. Africa.
II. *Charles Sumner*,[4] b. Feb. 26, 1873.
III. *Bessie*, b. May 10, 1882.

Thomas, son of William M.,[3] was educated in the public schools of Buffalo, and entered the office of Marling & Burdett as an architectural draughtsman. In 1891 he became deeply interested in mission work, and devoted some time to it in the Canal-street mission. He soon became convinced that it was his duty to go to a foreign field. After spending some time in the training college in New York, he fixed on the Central Soudan as the place of his future labors. With a companion, Walter Gowans of

Toronto, he sailed in Oct., 1893, for England as an independent missionary. In England they took as a third companion a young man named Rowland V. Bingham, and the three sailed from Liverpool for Africa on Nov. 4, 1893, and landed at Lagos, the chief town on the coast of Guinea, and formerly the centre of the slave trade. Soon after their arrival they were all three attacked with coast fever; but Thomas Kent and Walter Gowans soon recovered; and, leaving Bingham behind, they started for Kano, their objective point, with 20 natives carrying 60 lbs. apiece. Kano was the commercial centre of the country, and was beyond any missions then established. After getting as far as Bida Kent turned back to get a further supply of provisions at the coast. It was on his way back that he was attacked with fever at Bida, and there he died Dec. 8, 1894. Bida is a city northeast of the Niger, and was lately invaded by the forces under Sir George Goldie. Thomas Kent accomplished more in the way of exploration than missionary work, and his diary of his travels and a map of the country drawn by himself are in the possession of his father.

JOHN KENT, who on Feb. 14, 1711, was mar. in Boston by *Mr. Samuel Miles* to Abigail Andrews, I have been unable to locate. He d. May 5, 1720, leaving widow and children.

From Suffolk Probate, vol. 21, page 737, No. 4322: *John Kent* of Boston in the County of Suffolk in Her Majestys Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England *Marriner* nominates & appoints his beloved Wife *Abigail Kent* of Boston in the County and Province aforesaid his true & lawfull attorney &c &c. devises all and singular Sum and Sums of. Money. Goods. Chattels Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Real and personal unto his said attorney *Abigail Kent* his wife above named to Hold unto her her heirs and assigns for ever. — also appoints the said Abigail Kent to be the only. sole Executrix of this his last will and Testament Dated the first day of June AD 1714 Probated 23. may AD. 1720

John and Abigail Andrews Kent had children, born in Boston:

I. Abigail, b. Jan. 11, 1712.
II. Abigail, b. Aug. 24, 1715; bapt. King's Chapel Sept. 11.
III. John, b. Feb. 17, 1717.

Cutler Memorial.

Jonathan Cutler was born in Holliston Nov. 6, 1735, and received from his father's estate the south part of his farm, and built his house one-half mile west of S. Morse Cutler's. He was esteemed a devout Christian, became a Separatist, established public worship at his house, and every Sabbath when supplies failed his brother Moses used to speak, and here his brother Ebenezer took his first lessons in preaching. He married Jerusha Blake of Wrentham, Mass., Dec. 8, 1763, who married for her second husband *Joseph Kent* of Uxbridge May 27, 1799.

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